

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 26TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2012) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON MONDAY, 30TH JULY, 2012
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (68)

Speaker (1)

The Hon Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT (34)

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

Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds, O.E., M.P., Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

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

Hon. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P., Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Mohabir A. Nandlall, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica),
Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

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

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

Hon. Robert M. Persaud, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne),
Minister of Natural Resources and Environment

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

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Hon. Dr. Bheri S. Ramsarran, M.P., Minister of Health

Hon. Mohamed I. Alli, M.P., Minister of Housing and Water (Absent – on leave)

Hon. Dr. Frank C.S. Anthony, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport (Absent – on leave)

Hon. Brindley H.R. Benn, M.P., Minister of Public Works

Hon. Priya D. Manickchand, M.P. (Region No. 5 – Mahaica/Berbice),
Minister of Education

Hon. Ganga Persaud, M.P., Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Hon. Jennifer I.M. Webster, M.P., Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Hon. Pauline Campbell-Sukhai, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

*Hon. Dr. Nanda K. Gopaul, M.P., Minister of Labour

Hon. Alli Baksh, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam),
Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture

Hon. Norman A. Whittaker, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini),
Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

Hon. Bishop Juan A. Edghill, M.S., J.P., M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Finance

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P., Chief Whip

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Bibi S. Shadick, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

***Non-Elected Minister**

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

Mr. Odinga Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Neendkumar, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Dharamkumar Seeraj, M.P.

Dr. Vishwa D.B. Mahadeo, M.P.

Rev. Dr. Kwame A. Gilbert, M.P.

**Mr. Joseph Hamilton, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Health

Dr. Vindhya Vasini Persaud, M.S., M.P.

Mr. Cornel Damon, M.P. (Region No. 2 – Pomeroon/Supernaam)

Mr. Faizal M. Jafarally, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Members of the Opposition (33)

(ii) Members of A Partnership for National Unity(26)

Brigadier (Ret'd) David A. Granger, M.S.S., M.P.

Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P.

Ms Amna Ally, M.P.

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Dr. George Norton, M.P.

Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

****Non-Elected Member**

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Mr. Carl B. Greenidge, M.P.

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) Joseph F. Harmon, M.S.M., M.P.

Mr. Keith Scott, M.P.

Ms Dawn Hastings, M.P. (Region No. 7 – Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Winston Felix, D.S.M., M.P.

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

Mr. Sydney Allicock, M.S., M.P.

Ms Africo Selman, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Desmond Trotman, M.P.

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

Mr. James A. Bond, M.P.

Mr. Ronald A. Bulkhan, M.P.

Mr. Jaipaul Sharma, M.P. (Region No. 4 – Demerara/Mahaica)

Mrs. Mabel Baveghems, M.P.

Mr. John Adams, M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Mr. Christopher A. Jones, M.P.

Mr. Richard Allen, M.P. (Region No. 1 – Barima/Waini)

Mr. Renis Morian, M.P. (Region No. 10 – Upper Demerara/Upper Berbice)

Miss Annette N. Ferguson, M.P.

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(iii)Members of The Alliance For Change (7)

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

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

Mrs. Catherine Hughes, M.P.

Mrs. Valerie Garrido-Lowe, M.P.

Dr. Veersammy Ramayya, M.P. (Region No. 6 – East Berbice/Corentyne)

Ms June Eula Marcello, M.P. (Region No. 8 – Potaro/Siparuni)

Mr. Trevor Williams, 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 18p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read the prayers.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

(1) By the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs:

The High Court (Family Proceedings and Procedure) Rules 2012 – No. 2 of 2012.

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(2) By the Minister of Finance:

The Annual Report of the National Industrial and Commercial Investments Ltd., for the year ended 31st December, 2005.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. LEVEL SEVEN STUDENTS PROVIDED WITH TEXTBOOKS IN THE FOUR 'CORE' SUBJECTS

Member Asking:

Mrs. Catherine Hughes, M.P.

Minister Answering:

The Minister of Education

Can the Hon. Minister say how many Level Seven students have been provided by the government with individual textbooks in the four 'core' subject areas?

(Notice Paper No. 17 (Q 14 Opp 14) published on 2012-03-05)

2. ACQUIRING LEVEL SEVEN TEXTBOOKS IN THE FOUR 'CORE' SUBJECTS

Member Asking:

Mrs. Catherine Hughes, M.P.

Minister Answering:

The Minister of Education

Can the Hon. Minister say how much money was spent during the period January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2011 on acquiring Level Seven textbooks in the four 'core' subject areas?

(Notice Paper No. 18 (Q 15 Opp 15) published on 2012-03-05)

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3. **AIR QUALITY MONITORING, NETWORK AND OVERSIGHT AT BOSAI**

Member Asking: Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Natural Resources and Environment

Could the Hon. Minister provide to this House:

- (i) Is there air quality monitoring being done in Linden, and if so, what are the results?
- (ii) Does the Environmental Protection Agency plan to have Bosai deploy an air quality network in Linden? If not, please indicate why?
- (iii) Who at the EPA is qualified to provide regulatory oversight for air quality? Please indicate both the qualifications and experience in regulatory oversight for air quality.

(Notice Paper No. 72 (Q 42 Opp 42) published on 2012-06-22)

Answers:

- (i) The particulate matter is the primary issue, specifically fine particulate matter that is generated from combustion due to bauxite processing. In order to effectively monitor the quality of air in Linden, the EPA would be required to erect monitoring stations at strategic locations to acquire data in a timely and cost effective manner. Efforts have commenced to acquire the appropriate equipment to execute an air quality monitoring protocol at a local scale for Linden, which will be prepared shortly.

However, it is being monitored by Bosai twice per year. The last occasion was during 3rd to 30th January, 2012. They have started monitoring for the second period starting of June to present time.

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It must be noted that under the Project “**Institutional Strengthening in Support of Guyana’s Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS)**”, a total of USD 3.28 million is budgeted to strengthen the institutional capacities of the OCC, PMO, REDD-Secretariat, GFC, GGMC and EPA. For the EPA and GGMC, institutional diagnostics of these institutions will be conducted and, it is expected that the EPA will benefit through the establishment of a clear and structured framework for the achievement of effective implementation of environmental safeguards, including monitoring activities for air quality, among other parameters.

- (ii) With the imminent installation of two dust collector systems by Bosai, to mitigate dust pollution in Linden, plans are afoot by the EPA to set up an air quality monitoring protocol in Linden utilizing officers of the EPA. The main objectives of this monitoring protocol are to observe the concentration of emissions occurring before and after the installation of the dust collection systems so as to verify that the technology is functioning effectively and to its optimum and to develop air quality monitoring data for Linden.
- (iii) There is no Officer at the EPA with specialized qualifications in Air Quality Management. Such expertise would have to be sourced, internationally, by the Agency since the University of Guyana does not provide studies in such a specialized area. We are examining possibilities for specialized training overseas for some of our officers. The members of the Air Quality Unit all have first degrees, namely: chemistry and environmental science. In addition, the Unit is supported by other members (Director EMD and SEOs) of the Division who have Masters in Environmental Studies, Science and Engineering.

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However, I am aware that Bosai has presently completed two dust collector systems one of which is now under trial for Kiln 14 and the second which is about 60% complete for Kiln 13 will be operational by October 31, 2012.

The first unit for Kiln is expected to be fully operational and commissioned on July 28, 2012 when we hope to see eradication of the dust nuisance starting with Kiln 14. This will be a very significant achievement and satisfies a commitment made by the Company as well as the needs of the community.

This achievement comes after some 50 years following DEMBA, Guymine and Linmine without any attempt to satisfy this environmental duty, save an aborted effort to introduce an ESP Unit.

4. AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH GUYANA GOLDFIELDS, FIRST BAUXITE COMPANY AND SANDSPRING RESOURCES

Member Asking: **Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Natural Resources and Environment**

Could the Hon. Minister kindly provide the feasibility studies for the ministerial agreements signed with Guyana Goldfields, First Bauxite Company and Sandspring Resources?

(Notice Paper No. 73 (Q 43 Opp 43) published on 2012-06-22)

Answer:

Having regard to a Clause of the Mineral Agreements executed among the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission and related parties stipulates that:

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“The Parties shall treat all information relating to the Project including, without limitation, any report required to be filed by the Company hereunder, as confidential and shall only disclose such information to third parties in accordance with certain provisions.” Therefore, given that the feasibility studies contain significant confidential information, these should not be disclosed without first obtaining the written consent of the companies.

Further it may be important to mention that in preparing their feasibility studies (which have been copyrighted), these companies are required to adhere to the guidelines of the Canadian Securities Administrators’ National Instrument 43-101 (Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects) once information related to mineral properties held by them are reported on stock exchanges within Canada.

For Oral Reply

5. NEW CHAIRMAN OF GUYSUCO’S BOARD

Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P. asked the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

- (i) *Could the Hon. Minister say, who is the new Chairman of Guysuco’s Board, since Dr. Nanda Gopaul demitted office?
- (ii) *Could the Hon. Minister say whether the incumbent is resident in Guyana?
- (iii) *And if he is not a resident in Guyana, what arrangements are made for the Chairman to discharge his responsibilities?

(Notice Paper No. 74 (Q 44 Opp 44) published on 2012-06-22)

Thereafter the Minister of Agriculture replied.

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Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P., asked the Minister of Agriculture a supplementary question.

Thereafter the Minister of Agriculture replied.

Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, asked the Minister of Agriculture a supplementary question.

Thereafter the Minister of Agriculture replied.

Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P., asked the Minister of Agriculture a supplementary question.

Thereafter the Minister of Agriculture replied.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Readings

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 12/2012

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Government Act.

Thereafter the Bill was referred to a Special Select Committee.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION BILL – Bill No. 13/2012

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

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A BILL intituled AN ACT to establish the Local Government Commission, as provided for by Article 78A of the Constitution, to provide for the Commission's functions and procedure, and for connected and incidental purposes.

Thereafter the Bill was referred to a Special Select Committee.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTION

ITEM 1 - CONDEMN THE KILLING OF AND THE INJURY TO SEVERAL PERSONS AT LINDEN, UPPER DEMERARA-BERBICE REGION, ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH JULY, 2012 AND TO DEMAND THE RESIGNATION OF HON. CLEMENT ROHEE, M.P., MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

The Assembly resumed the debate on the following motion:

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 138(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Guyana no person shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of the sentence of a court in respect of an offence under the Laws of Guyana of which he has been convicted;

AND WHEREAS three unarmed persons – Shemroy Bouyea of Wismar Housing Scheme, Ivan Lewis of Wismar Housing Scheme and Ron Somerset of Amelia's Ward – were shot and killed by Police at Mc Kenzie, Linden during a peaceful protest on Wednesday, 18th July, 2012 in which minimum force was not applied by the Police to disperse the crowd but, rather, lethal fire was opened causing death and injury to several persons;

AND WHEREAS it seems evident that, contrary to conventional police training doctrine, with particular reference to the control of crowds, the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Clement Rohee, M.P., is reported by the Government Information Agency on 23rd July, 2012 to have stated:

“tear gas, rubber bullets and water cannons could have been used to restore order, however, live rounds is a deadly response that is not catered for nowhere (sic) in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), in a situation such as this...”

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly is the supreme legislative forum of our Republic wherein the people’s elected representatives discuss and determine matters of national interest and in which Ministers of the Government, in particular, have a dual obligation to both direct the executive arms of the state and to account to their electors for their governance and in which the National Assembly requires that every Minister discharges his or her obligation to the nation, be held accountable and accepts responsibility for the performance and behaviour of his or her Ministry;

AND WHEREAS the Honourable Clement Rohee, M.P., is Minister of Home Affairs and is authorised under the Police Act, Chapter 16:01 to issue “general orders and directions” to the Commissioner of Police for the command and superintendence of the Guyana Police Force;

AND WHEREAS if the Police Force performs in a manner so egregiously incompetent that the Administration is likely to be brought into ridicule or contempt, the Minister in accordance with the doctrine of ministerial responsibility that not only binds the Minister to the Administration’s policies but, also binds the Administration to the Minister’s performance, thereby requires that he must resign if his conduct undermines public confidence in his ability to hold high office with competence;

AND WHEREAS this country has witnessed a pattern of threats to public security in the form of the failure to stanch the spate of criminal violence – including banditry; execution; extra-judicial killings; murder; narcotics-trafficking; piracy; torture; the shooting of peaceful protesters on 6th December, 2011 and various corrupt practices in the Guyana Police Force – while, responsibility for public security rested with the Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Clement Rohee, M.P.;

AND WHEREAS this Assembly is obligated to consider the evidence of mismanagement and maladministration of any Ministry of the Government which could have been avoided or prevented by prudent administration, especially in light of the decision of the Minister of Home Affairs to act only after the shooting as expressed in a statement published in the state-owned Guyana Chronicle Newspaper dated 19th July which reads, inter alia:

“...the Minister of Home Affairs has, within the meaning of the Police Act Chapter 16:01, issued general and specific directions to the Commissioner of Police (ag) to effect immediate changes at the command level at E&F Police Division of which Linden is an integral part.”

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly condemns the killing of three persons and the injury to several others by the Guyana Police Force in Linden on Wednesday, 18th July, 2012 and extends sincerest condolences to the families of the deceased and sympathy to the injured persons;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly censures and expresses 'no confidence' in the Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Clement Rohee, M.P., over his inability to discharge his responsibility for public security and calls for the immediate revocation of his appointment as a Minister of the Government and for his dismissal from office.

(Notice Paper No. 84 (M35 Opp 21) published on 2012-07-25)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment

The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Mr. Winston Felix

Dr. Vindhya Persaud

Mr. Joseph Hamilton

Ms Africo Selman

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.20 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.38 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Mrs. Indranie Chandarpal

Mr. Moses Nagamootoo

Mr. Desmond Trotman

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 7.13 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 7.53 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. Neendkumar

Mr. Ronald Bulkan

Mr. Manzoor Nadir

Ms Annette Ferguson

The Minister in the Ministry of Finance

Mr. Renis Morian

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 10(1)

At 9.58 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Standing Order No. 10(1) was suspended to enable the Assembly to conclude the debate on the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 10.01 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 10.26 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. Carl Greenidge

Ms Gail Teixeira

Mr. James Bond

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Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan

Mr. Basil Williams

The Minister of Home Affairs

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

Thereafter Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger replied.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs moved the following amendments, which were put and negatived on the following division:

“The first **WHEREAS** clause remains as is.

The first **AND WHEREAS** clause is amended by deletion of the words “**in which minimum force was not applied by the Police to disperse the crowd but, rather, lethal fire was opened causing death and injury to several persons**” after the words “shot and killed”;
Add new second, third, fourth AND WHEREAS clauses that read as follows:-

“**AND WHEREAS** the Government publicly committed on the night of July 18, 2012 to a full investigation of the killing of these men on the said day;

AND WHEREAS the President and the national stakeholders including the Leader of the Opposition and the parliamentary political parties, and the regional stakeholders agreed on July 19th 2012 to the appointment of an independent Commission of Inquiry with an international presence to investigate events leading up to and including the killing of Messrs Bouyea, Wilson and Somerset, and furthermore designated Dr. R. Luncheon and Mr. Joe Harmon respectively to draft suitable terms of reference for the Commission by August 2, 2012;

AND WHEREAS the Government remains committed to the establishment of such a Commission and it is aware that Messrs Luncheon and Harmon have made progress on the drafting language of the terms of reference which will be presented to the President and the Leader of the Opposition for their agreement in time for the agreed on deadline of August 2, 2012:

The original third AND WHEREAS clause is brought up to be the fifth AND WHEREAS clause which reads as is:

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly is the supreme legislative forum of our Republic wherein the people's elected representatives discuss and determine matters of national interest and in which Ministers of the Government, in particular, have a dual obligation to both direct the executive arms of the state and to account to their electors for their governance and in which the National Assembly requires that every Minister discharges his or her obligation to the nation, be held accountable and accepts responsibility for the performance and behaviour of his or her Ministry;

The original fourth AND WHEREAS clause is now the sixth AND WHEREAS clause which reads as is:-

AND WHEREAS the Honourable Clement Rohee, M.P., is Minister of Home Affairs and is authorised under the Police Act, Chapter 16:01 to issue "general orders and directions" to the Commissioner of Police for the command and superintendence of the Guyana Police Force;

The original second AND WHEREAS clause is now the seventh AND WHEREAS clause and the words "it seems evident that, contrary to conventional police training doctrine, with particular reference to the control of crowds" after the words "AND WHEREAS" is deleted and now reads as amended as follows:-

AND WHEREAS the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Clement Rohee, M.P., is reported by the Government Information Agency on 23rd July, 2012 to have stated:

“tear gas, rubber bullets and water cannons could have been used to restore order, however, live rounds is a deadly response that is not catered for nowhere (sic) in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), in a situation such as this...”

The original fifth AND WHEREAS clause is deleted

The original sixth AND WHEREAS clause is now the eighth AND WHEREAS clause and is amended with:

- i) the deletion of the words “ in the form of failure to stanch the spate of criminal violence” after the words “public security”
- ii) inclusion of the words “ lawlessness, interpersonal violence and illegal weapons and “ after the words “torture” and before the words “the shooting of peaceful”
- iii) inclusion of the words “over the last ten (10) years” after the words “Guyana Police Force”
- iv) deletion of the words “while, responsibility for public security rested with the Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Clement Rohee, M.P.”

This clause as amended will read as follows:-

AND WHEREAS this country has witnessed a pattern of threats to public security – including banditry; execution; extra-judicial killings; murder; narcotics-trafficking; piracy; torture; lawlessness, interpersonal violence and illegal weapons, and the shooting of peaceful protesters on 6th December, 2011 and various corrupt practices in the Guyana Police Force over the last ten years;

The original seventh AND WHEREAS clause is now the ninth AND WHEREAS clause and is amended as follows with the deletion of the words “this National Assembly is obligated to consider the evidence of mismanagement and maladministration.....of the decision of” immediately following the words “AND WHEREAS”.

The deletion of the words “to act only” after the words “Home Affairs”

The clause as amended will read as follows:

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Home Affairs after the shooting expressed in a statement published in the state-owned Guyana Chronicle Newspaper dated 19th July which reads, inter alia:

“...the Minister of Home Affairs has, within the meaning of the Police Act Chapter 16:01, issued general and specific directions to the Commissioner of Police (ag) to effect immediate changes at the command level at E&F Police Division of which Linden is an integral part.”

The first BE IT RESOLVED Clause remains as is except with the deletion of the words “ by the Guyana Police Force”

The insertion of three new BE IT RESOLVED clauses which read as follows:

“ BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that this National Assembly while pained by these developments upholds the principle of innocent until proven guilty and the right to trial as enshrined in our constitution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this National Assembly condemns the violence against persons and damage and loss of property since July 18, 2012 and supports the decision to appoint an independent Commission of Inquiry with suitable terms of reference;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this National Assembly therefore commits itself to support, cooperate and participate in the speedy appointment and work of the Commission of Inquiry and to adopt its findings and recommendations.”

The original BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause is deleted

AGAINST

Mr. T. Williams
Ms Marcello
Dr. Ramayya
Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
Mrs. Hughes
Mr. Nagamootoo
Mr. Ramjattan
Ms Ferguson
Mr. Morian
Mr. Allen
Mr. Jones
Mr. Adams
Ms Baveghems
Mr. Sharma
Mr. Bulkan
Mr. Bond

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Mr. Jafarally
Mr. Damon
Dr. Persaud
Rev. Gilbert
Dr. Mahadeo
Mr. Seeraj
Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Lumumba
Mr. Chand
Mrs. Chandarpal
Mr. Nadir
Ms Teixeira
Bishop Edghill
Mr. Whittaker
Mr. Baksh
Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai

Ms Kissoon
 Mr. Trotman
 Ms Selman
 Mr. Allicock
 Ms Wade
 Mr. Felix
 Ms Hastings
 Mr. Scott
 Lt. Col. (Ret.'d) Harmon
 Mr. Greenidge
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The motion was then put and carried.

EMANCIPATION GREETINGS

The Speaker extended Emancipation Greetings to all Members of Parliament, especially those of African descent. Brig. (Ret.'d) David Granger, Mr. Trevor Williams and the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs joined the Speaker in extending Emancipation Greetings to all Members of Parliament and to all Guyanese.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.10 a.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Thursday, 2nd August, 2012.

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HON. RAPHAEL G.C. TROTMAN, M.P.,
Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.

30th July, 2012.