

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 94<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND**  
**SESSION (2002-2006) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON THURSDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2006**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,**  
**BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN**

**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (69)**

**Speaker (1)**

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

**Members of the Government (38)**

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

**(ii) Non-elected Ministers (3)**

**(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 Home Affairs

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

The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent)

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

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Labour, Human Services and  
Social Security

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 (Absent – on leave)

\* 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 (Absent – on leave)

The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport

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) (Absent – on leave)

\*\* The Hon. Manzoor Nadir, M.P., Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce

The Hon. Carolyn Rodrigues, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs (Absent – on leave)

\* The Hon. Harry Narine Nawbatt, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

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.

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

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Heeralall Mohan, J.P., M.P. (Region No. 2 - Pomeroon/Supenaam)

Mr. Ramesh C. Rajkumar, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Dr. Bheri S. Ramsaran, M.D., M.P. (Absent – on leave)

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

Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Water (Absent – on leave)

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini) (Absent – on leave)

Dr. Moti Lall, C.C.H., M.P. (Region No. 3 – Essequibo Islands/West Demerara)

Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha, M.P.

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

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne) (Absent)

\*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.

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly (Absent – on leave)

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

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

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Mr. Deryck M.A. Bernard, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. C. Stanley Ming, M.P. (Absent)

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

Mr. Basil Williams, M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Dr. Dalgleish Joseph, M.D., M.P. (Absent – on leave)

Miss Amna Ally, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice) (Absent – on leave)

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

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

Dr. George A. Norton, M.P. (Absent)

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

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

Dr. Carl Max Hanoman, M.P.

Mr. Joseph Hamilton, M.P.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(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) (Absent – on leave)

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

Mr. Ravindra Dev, M.P. (Absent)

**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. 15 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk read prayers.

**SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 2.18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

**RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

At 4.30 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**MOTIONS**

**ITEM 1 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2006**

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

**In Committee of Supply**

The Minister of Housing and Water, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, signified the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/2006 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$529,000,000 for the period 2006-02-21 to 2006-04-12 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund.

**(Notice Paper No. 255 (M114 Govt102) published on 2006-04-13)**

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was the put and carried.

**Assembly resumed.**

On a motion by the Minister of Housing and Water, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED**, That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED,**

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/2006 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$529,000,000 for the period 2006-02-21 to 2006-04-12 - Advances made from the Contingencies Fund.

**ITEM 2 - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/2006**

Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

**In Committee of Supply**

The Minister of Housing and Water, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, signified the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and moved the following motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/2006 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$3,376,095,652 for the period ending 2006-12-31.

**(Notice Paper No. 256 (M115 Govt103) published on 2006-04-13)**

After consideration of the Schedule, the motion was then put and carried.

**Assembly resumed.**

On a motion by the Minister of Housing and Water, the Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED,** That this National Assembly agree with the Committee of Supply in the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED,**

That this Assembly approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/2006 - Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totalling \$3,376,095,652 for the period ending 2006-12-31.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 9(2)**

On a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Standing Order No. 9(2) was suspended to enable the Assembly to continue with its business uninterrupted.

**BILL - First, Second and Third Readings**  
**ITEM 3 - SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (NO. 1) BILL 2006 - Bill No. 19/2006 published on 2006-04-13**

On a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Standing Orders Nos. 12 and 46 were suspended to enable the Supplementary Appropriation (No. 1) Bill 2006 to be introduced at that stage and to be further proceeded with at that sitting.

On a motion by the Minister of Housing and Water, the following Bill was introduced and was read the first, second and third times and passed as amended:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of the sums necessary to meet the expenditure (not otherwise lawfully charged on the Consolidated Fund) of Guyana for the fiscal year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, estimates whereof have been approved by the National Assembly, and for the appropriation of those sums for the specified purposes, in conformity with the Constitution.

**ITEM 4 - CONSUMER PROTECTION BILL 2006 - Bill No. 18/2006 published on 2006-04-05**

The Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to promote and protect consumer interests in relation to the supply of goods and services, to establish a Consumer Affairs Commission and a Consumer Fair Trading Tribunal, and for related purposes.

**(Read a first time on 2006-04-06)**

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Winston Murray

and

Mrs. Sheila Holder.

Thereafter, the Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce 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 76 were passed as printed.**

**The Schedules were passed as printed.**

**Assembly resumed.**

On a motion by the Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce, the Consumer Protection Bill 2006, was read the third time and passed as printed.

**ITEM 5 - INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 2006 - Bill No. 17/2006**

**published on 2006-04-04**

The Minister of Housing and Water, on behalf of the Minister of Finance, moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Income Tax Act.

(Read a first time on 2006-04-06)



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Mr. Winston Murray spoke to the motion.

The Bill was then read a second time.

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

**In Committee**

**Clause 1** was passed as printed.

**Clause 2**

The Minister of Housing and Water, moved the following amendments, which were put and carried:

“Clause 2 1(D) delete the “,” after the word Act and insert a “;”. Delete the word “may” and insert the word “May”.

**Clause 2** was then passed as amended.

**Assembly resumed.**

On a motion by the Minister of Housing and Water, the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill 2006, was read a third time and passed as amended.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8.01 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the sitting was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2006.



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**HON. HARI N. RAMKARRAN, S.C., M.P.,**

**Speaker of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,**

**Public Buildings,**

**Georgetown.**

**20<sup>th</sup> April, 2006.**