

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 56th SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2012-2013) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON TUESDAY, 7TH MAY, 2013
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

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

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 (Absent – on leave)

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., Government Chief Whip

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

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

Bibi S. Shaddick, 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) (Absent)

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., Leader of the Opposition

Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, M.P.

Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip

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. Bulkan, 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.

Ms Rennita L. Williams, 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

Ms Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 2.28 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read the prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker made the following announcements:

Guest from U.N.D.P, Mr. Charles Chauvel

” I would like to firstly announce that we have a distinguished guest amongst us this afternoon.

Mr. Charles Chauvel, a former distinguished member of the Parliament of New Zealand and

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now a Senior Advisor to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in parliamentary development and democratic governance.

I should say that our guest, some of you will be meeting him later today and tomorrow, I believe, began in March of 2013, just a few weeks ago, to work for the UNDP. Guyana was the first place he has visited and so I think we should consider ourselves very important.

Mr. Chauvel was first elected a Member of the New Zealand Parliament in August, 2006 until November, 2008. He chaired Parliament's Finance and Expenditure Committee and served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Attorney General. Between 2008 and 2013, he chaired Parliament's Regulations Review Committee and between 2008 and 2011, he chaired its Privileges Committee.

He was the first and is today, the only person of Pacific islands ancestry to have served on the front bench on a major political party in New Zealand. A very distinguished Attorney in his own right and a scholar from what I have read. I know that Members will look forward to meeting with him later. Please be frank about our democracy. Coming from New Zealand, of course, it has been a country that practiced, successfully, the minority government construct, with proportional representation and a list system, so we have many things in common.

Last year, I did write to the Speaker of New Zealand for them to consider having a delegation of our Parliament visit. I have taken the opportunity to renew that request and I am hoping that Mr. Chauvel can take up the cudgel, so to speak, and take our request forward.

He will be here for one week or for the rest of the week. I am hoping that he will be able to sit in on a few committee meetings, which we have scheduled later in the week. Our guest is accompanied, of course, by senior programme officers of the UNDP, Mr. George Wachira and Mr. Trevor Benn, who are both here this afternoon. Thank you very much.”

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Independence Celebrations

“I would like to say that this being the month of May; the month of labour; the month of our arrival; and also the month of our independence, I wish to remind Members that we are going to have our Independence Exhibition towards the end of this month and continue into early June. Hopefully, if all goes well, we will have a very distinguished Member of the House delivering a lecture as well.”

Answer to Mr. Odinga Lumumba’s Statement

“Members at our last sitting in answer to a query from the Hon. Member, Mr. Lumumba, I stated that a Member has the unbridled and privileged right to make any statement in the House. Further, that that statement is covered under the cloak of privilege, as recognised by Article 172 of our Constitution.

I have since had the opportunity to do some research and I wish to just qualify my statement somewhat. Our Erskine May, which we do refer to from time to time, I have looked at the 23rd Edition, page 96, which states:

“Subject to the rules of order in the debate, a Member may state whatever he thinks fit, in debate, however offensive it may be to the feelings or injurious to the character of individuals and he is protected by his privilege by any actions for libel as well as from any other question or molestation.”

In my view, while this privilege seems unbridled, it does come with rights and responsibilities and Members have an overriding duty to ensure that the dignity of this House is not impugned, desecrated or brought into disrepute. In those circumstances, I believe that the presiding officer, whether it be yours truly in the Chair or the Deputy Speaker, will have to take, weigh and assess each statement as it comes and ensure that it neither offends the Standing Orders on debates, in particular, or interferes with the dignity of the House overall. As previously stated, “With great

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rights comes great responsibilities” and we must be ever mindful that we do not abuse our rights given to us by the citizens.

Whilst I did say that a Member may say whatever he or she feels they should and would want to. I believe that has to be seen under the cover of upholding the dignity of this House. I will be looking to ensure that overall that is not done.”

Hansard Staff from the House of Commons Training

“Hon. Members we have in our presence, two other very good gentlemen. Well one gentleman left, but Mr. Alex Newton, who is the Deputy Editor, from the House of Commons and his colleague Mr. Tony Minichiello, who has had to return due to a personal private situation involving his brother-in-law in Turkey. Both have been sent from our big sister Parliament of the United Kingdom to assist our Hansard Department – upgrade it. Mr. Newton is overseeing our work and assisting the members of staff with training.

We would like to welcome Mr. Newton formally and to thank him for the services rendered. He is seated in the rear. I understand that he would have gone off to Parika to get some wild meat on Friday last. I hope it was not an uncomfortable journey.

Mr. Newton, welcome and thank you again, as we continue to build relations with our sister Parliament in the United Kingdom. In a few weeks, two delegations of Members of Parliament will be going off for further training.”

Death of former Member of Parliament Mr. Hilbert Cedric Spence

“I wish to report that I have been informed by the Clerk and the Hon. Leader of the Opposition that a former Minister of Government, Mr. Hilbert Cedric Spence, a former Member of this House, died on the 1st December, 2012. Belatedly, we offer our condolences.

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He died at his residence in Joseph Pollydore Street, at age 92. Mr. Spence was a member of the United Force Party. After The United Force (TUF) and the People's National Congress (PNC) merged in 1964, he joined the latter and served as a Member of Parliament.

In 1967, he was appointed Minister of Trade, by the then Prime Minister, Mr. Forbes Burnham. He was a very active member of the business community in Berbice and held several portfolios in various departments and organisations. On behalf of Member of the Assembly and on my own behalf, I extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends of the late Hilbert Cedric Spence. I would ask Members that we stand and observe one minute silence as a mark of respect for the late Member of this August House.”

One minute of silence observed.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

By the Minister of Finance:

- (i) The Audited Financial Statements of the Guyana National Newspapers Limited for the year ended 31st December, 2009.

(Circulated)

- (ii) The Audited Financial Statements of the Guyana National Newspapers Limited for the year ended 31st December, 2010.

(Circulated)

- (iii) The Audited Financial Statements of the Guyana National Newspapers Limited for the year ended 31st December, 2011.

(Circulated)

- (iv) The Audited Financial Statements of the Port Kaituma Power and Light Company Inc. for the period 29th November, 2010 to 31st December, 2010.

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- (v) The Audited Financial Statements of the Port Kaituma Power and Light Company Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2011.

(Circulated)

- (vi) The Audited Financial Statements of the Mahdia Power and Light Company Inc. for the period 29th November, 2010 to 31st December, 2010.

(Circulated)

- (vii) The Audited Financial Statements of the Lethem Power Company Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2009.

(Circulated)

- (viii) The Audited Financial Statements of the Lethem Power Company Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2010.

(Circulated)

- (ix) The Audited Financial Statements of the Lethem Power Company Inc. for the year ended 31st December, 2011.

(Circulated)

- (x) The Audited Financial Statements of the Guyana National Cooperative Bank for the year ended 31st December, 2009.

(Circulated)

- (xi) The Audited Financial Statements of the Guyana National Cooperative Bank for the year ended 31st December, 2010.

(Circulated)

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. **NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION PASSED AGAINST REO, REGION NO. 8**

Member Asking: Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Could the Hon. Minister inform Members of the National Assembly what actions he has taken in relation to the No-Confidence Motion that was passed against REO Harsawack of Region No. 8?

(Notice Paper No.173 (Q 110 Opp 108) published on 2013-03-25)

Answer:

“The following actions were taken in relation to the No-Confidence Motion passed against the REO, Region No. 8, Mr. Harsawack:

- The concerns identified as the basis for the motion were analysed and were found to be inconsistent with the mandate of the Council.

As a consequence, discussions were held with the Regional Chairman both individually, as well as, collectively.”

2. **PROTOCOL RELATING TO AN APPOINTED OFFICIAL OF A REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION**

Member Asking: Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Could the Hon. Minister inform Members of the National Assembly what is the protocol relating to an appointed official of a Regional Administration committing the Ministry of Local

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Government and Regional Development for the provision of goods and services and in particular, if Mr. Harsawack is empowered to commit the Region in the absence of approval of the RDC?

(Notice Paper No.174 (Q 111 Opp 109) published on 2013-03-25)

Answer:

- “The entire procurement process for goods and services is clearly stated in the National Procurement Act, which is a public document, especially since it was approved by Parliament.
- The RDC’s roles and functions are clearly defined by statute. Hence, without a specific procurement incident/activity being identified in the question asked, I am constrained in providing a more specific response.
- In General, the REO and the Chairman of the Regional Tender Board is responsible for the procurement of goods and services required for the Administration of the Region. The REO as the Accounting Officer does not need explicit approval of the Council for each and every act of Procurement of goods and services by the Administration.”

3. **COMMUNITY SERVICES ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Member Asking: **Mr. Ronald Bulkan, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development**

In 2006, the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development and Government of Guyana initiated the project named at the caption and which had as its purpose/objective, to prepare four communities for their upgrading to municipalities, these being, Bartica, Charity, Parika and Supenaam.

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- (i) Could the Hon. Minister provide the relevant details for the Communities Services Enhancement Project, which was initiated in 2006 and give information on its current status?
- (ii) Could the Hon. Minister say which other communities have been added to the four previously identified and for similar upgrading in status, if any?

(Notice Paper No.175 (Q 112 Opp 110) published on 2013-03-25)

Answers:

- “The Community Services Enhancement Project has ended.
- The preparation process for Township status is on going in the four communities mentioned in the question.
- There were several suggestions and proposals made for other communities to be added to the existing lists, the administration is continuing to evaluate those suggestions and proposals.
- Central Housing and Planning Authority is responsible for Town and Country planning and is the better entity to make decisions about this matter.”

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Readings

1. FIRE SERVICE (CHANGE OF NAME) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 13/2013

The Minister of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill, which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to rename the Fire Service Act, the Fire Service and for related purposes.

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2. **POLICE (CHANGE OF NAME) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 14/2013**

The Minister of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill, which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to rename the Police Act, the Police Force, the Police (Discipline) Act and for related purposes.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

BILLS – Second Reading

**ITEM 1 - THE FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 5 of 2013 published on 2013-02-08**

The Assembly resumed the debate on the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Fiscal Management and Accountability Act 2003.

(Read a first time on 2013-02-07)

The Minister in the Ministry of Finance continued and concluded his speech.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 4.05 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.30 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Assembly resumed the debate on the Fiscal Management and Accountability (Amendment) Bill 2013.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Dr. Rupert Roopnarine
The Minister of Finance

Thereafter, Mr. Carl Greenidge replied.

The Bill was then read a second time on the following division:

FOR

Mr. T. Williams
Ms Marcello
Dr. Ramayaa
Mrs. Garrido-Lowe
Mrs. Hughes
Mr. Nagamootoo
Mr. Ramjattan
Ms Ferguson
Mr. Morian
Ms Williams
Mr. Jones
Mr. Adams

AGAINST

Mr. Jafarally
Dr. Persaud
Rev. Gilbert
Dr. Mahadeo
Mr. Seeraj
Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Lumumba
Mr. Chand
Bibi Shaddick
Mrs. Chandarpal
Mr. Nadir
Ms Teixeira

Ms Baveghems
Mr. Sharma
Mr. Bulkan
Mr. Bond
Ms Kissoon
Mr. Trotman
Ms Selman
Mr. Allicock
Ms Wade
Mr. Felix
Ms Hastings
Mr. Scott
Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon
Mr. Greenidge
Mrs. Backer
Dr. Norton
Mrs. Lawrence
Mr. B. Williams
Ms Ally
Dr. Roopnarine
Brig. (Ret.'d) Granger

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Bishop Edghill
Mr. Whittaker
Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
Ms Webster
Mr. G. Persaud
Ms Manickchand
Mr. Benn
Dr. Anthony
Mr. Ali
Dr. Ramsarran
Dr. Westford
Mr. R. Persaud
Dr. Singh
Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Mr. Nandlall
Dr. Ramsammy
Mr. Rohee
Mr. Hinds

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

In Committee

Clauses 1 – 3 were passed as printed.

Assembly resumed

On a motion by Mr. Carl Greenidge, the Fiscal Management and Accountability (Amendment) Bill 2013 was read a third time and passed as printed.

MOTION

ITEM 2 - INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE

Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, moved the following motion:

WHEREAS in its first World Report on Violence and Health released in October, 2002 the World Health Organisation defined violence as “the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against another person, or against a group or community, that either result in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment or deprivation”;

AND WHEREAS the aforesaid World Report defined Interpersonal Violence (IPV) as being subdivided into family and intimate partner violence and community violence with the former category including child maltreatment, intimate partner violence and elder abuse while the latter is subdivided into acquaintance and stranger violence and includes youth violence, assault by strangers, violence relating to property crimes and violence in work places and other institutions;

AND WHEREAS the incidents of Interpersonal Violence has reached epidemic proportions in Guyana;

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AND WHEREAS this has occurred despite numerous programmes aimed at reducing interpersonal violence initiated by government agencies, schools, religious bodies, volunteer organizations and other community based organizations;

AND WHEREAS the reversal of this epidemic is in the interest of all Guyanese who continue to be adversely affected by it;

AND WHEREAS research at the national, regional and international levels has shown that high incidents of Interpersonal Violence has a significant negative effect on the economic growth and health of a country,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly unequivocally condemns all forms of Interpersonal Violence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly designates a day to be observed under the theme “Parliamentarians Against Interpersonal Violence” during which the National Assembly will organize appropriate activities to highlight ways in which Interpersonal Violence can be reduced;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government of Guyana to establish, within one (1) month of the passage of this motion, a broad based Committee comprising but not limited to, representatives of the political parties in the National Assembly; the relevant Government Ministries; religious bodies, private sector bodies; youth

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organizations; women organizations and volunteer organizations with the mandate to complete a National Plan of Action to combat Interpersonal Violence within four (4) months of its establishment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Government of Guyana within one (1) month of the completion of the aforesaid National Plan of Action, lay it in the National Assembly.

(Notice Paper No. 163 (M 59 Opp.36) published on 2013-03-13)

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 7.54 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 8.58 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The Assembly resumed the debate on the motion on Interpersonal Violence.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Ms Africo Selman

The Minister of Home Affairs

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 10(1)

At 9.46 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 continue with its business uninterrupted.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

Ms Annette Ferguson

Rev. Kwame Gilbert

Mrs. Catherine Hughes

Thereafter Mrs. Deborah Backer replied.

Mrs. Deborah Backer moved and Ms Gail Teixeira seconded the following amendments which were put and carried:

“First BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

After the words “National Assembly” in the first line, insert the words “calls on the Parliamentary Management Committee to designate”

Delete the second FURTHER RESOLVED clause and insert the following:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the members of this National Assembly commit to actively supporting existing programmes in Ministries, agencies and civil society bodies such as religious, women, youth and community organizations, that address violence and interpersonal violence in particular ,such as, the Domestic Violence and Gender Based Violence programme, the Men’s Affairs Bureau and the Child Care and Protection Agency in the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security, the National Commission on the Family, the National Commission on Law and Order, Prisoner reintegration programmes, anger management and substance abuse programmes both in the Ministries of Health and Home Affairs and civil society bodies, and the Ministry of Education on school violence.”

Delete Third BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause and insert the following:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly agrees to appoint a Parliamentary Special Select Committee to examine the levels and contributing factors to Interpersonal Violence in Guyana; to draw on research and information available at the national, regional and international levels; to consider and examine existing programmes being implemented by Government and civil society aimed at reducing interpersonal violence, and return to the House by November 30, 2013 with its considered recommendations on reducing interpersonal violence in Guyana.”

Thereafter the motion, as amended, was put and carried.

(ii) **GOVERNMENT’S BUSINESS**

BILLS – Second Readings

**ITEM 3 - ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF
TERRORISM (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 12/2013 published on
2013-04-22**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-04-22)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Moses Nagamootoo

Ms Gail Teixeira

The Bill was read a second time.

Thereafter, in accordance with Standing Order No. 58(1), a motion moved by Mr. Basil Williams and seconded by Mr. Moses Nagamootoo, referred the Anti - Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill 2013 to a Special Select Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11.30 p.m., a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to adjourn the Assembly to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 16th May, 2013, was put and negated.

Thereafter, a motion by Ms Amna Ally, M.P., Opposition Chief Whip and seconded by Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly to adjourn the Assembly to 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 22nd May, 2013, was put and carried on the following division:

FOR

Mr. T. Williams

Ms Marcello

Mrs. Garrido-Lowe

Mrs. Hughes

Mr. Nagamootoo

Mr. Ramjattan

Ms Ferguson

Mr. Morian

Ms Williams

AGAINST

Mr. Jafarally

Dr. Persaud

Rev. Gilbert

Dr. Mahadeo

Mr. Seeraj

Mr. Neendkumar

Mr. Lumumba

Mr. Chand

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 Mr. Bond
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 Mr. Trotman
 Ms Selman
 Mr. Allicock
 Ms Wade
 Mr. Felix
 Ms Hastings
 Mr. Scott
 Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon
 Mr. Greenidge
 Mrs. Backer
 Dr. Norton
 Mrs. Lawrence
 Mr. B. Williams
 Ms Ally
 Dr. Roopnarine
 Brig. (Ret'd) Granger

Mrs. Chandarpal
 Mr. Nadir
 Ms Teixeira
 Bishop Edghill
 Mr. Whittaker
 Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
 Ms Webster
 Mr. G. Persaud
 Ms Manickchand
 Mr. Benn
 Dr. Anthony
 Mr. Ali
 Dr. Ramsarran
 Mr. R. Persaud
 Dr. Singh
 Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
 Mr. Nandlall
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Mr. Rohee
 Mr. Hinds

Retirement of Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly

The Speaker announced the retirement of Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly with effect from 10th May, 2013 and extended best wishes to her.

Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P., Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. and the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, joined the Speaker in extending best wishes to Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah on her retirement.

Thereafter, Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah thanked everyone for their support during her tenure.

At 11.45 p.m., the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Wednesday, 22nd May, 2013.

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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.

7th May, 2013.

