

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 58th SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (2012-2013) OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 13TH JUNE, 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 (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 (Absent – on leave)

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. (Absent – on leave)

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., 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 Hermina Gilgeours, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly (a.g.)

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 2.11 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read the prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker made the following announcements:

Sympathy on the Death of the Clerk of the National Assembly's Nephew

The Speaker informed Members that the Clerk's nephew, Mr. Elon Isaacs, had passed away. On behalf of the staff, Members of the National and himself, he extended condolences to the Isaacs family. He also informed Members that the funeral for Mr. Elon Isaacs would be on Monday, 17th June, 2013, at Supply Village, East Bank Demerara.

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The Speaker stated that Mr. Isaacs would be excused for the remainder of that day's sitting and Ms. Hermina Gilgeours would perform the functions of Clerk. He also stated that Ms. Deslyn West would be performing the duties of Deputy Clerk.

Acquisition of vehicles for the Parliament Office

The Speaker informed Members that the Parliament Office had acquired two new vehicles and that one was assigned to the Speaker and one to the Parliament Office.

Parliamentary Partnership Programme – Seminars for Members of Parliament and Committee Clerks in the United Kingdom

The Speaker stated that in keeping with the Parliamentary Partnership Programme, which the Parliament has entered into with the Parliament of the United Kingdom, two delegations comprising Members of Parliament and Clerks of Committees would be attending a workshop and seminar, the first being the 62nd Westminster Seminar on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure from 17th – 21st June, 2013, and the second being the 3rd Westminster workshop on the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) from 24th -27th June, 2013.

Presentation of Plaques of Appreciation

The Speaker informed Members that there would be a presentation of Plaques of Appreciation to two female Members of Parliament (MPs) and one member of staff, who were honoured for International Women's Day in March, 2013. That ceremony would take place during the suspension of the sitting at 4.00 p.m. in the MP's Lounge.

Return of MPs and staff from Canada and Peru

The Speaker informed Members that a Delegation of Members from the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and a Clerk of Committee returned from a visit to the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa where they were exposed to practices of the PAC of that Parliament and other parliamentary practices and procedures.

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A Delegation has also returned from Peru where they participated in a workshop co-sponsored by United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) on the right to identity: Promoting universal birth registration in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Leave

The Speaker informed Members that leave had been granted to:

- Hon. Members, Dr. Frank Anthony and
- Ms. Jennifer Webster, for that day's sitting.

Gratitude to Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

The Speaker thanked the Hon. Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly for presiding in his absence at the previous sitting of the Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

(1) By the Speaker of the National Assembly (Chairman of the Committee of Selection):

- (i) Minutes of Proceedings of the 8th and 9th Meetings of the Committee of Selection held on Tuesday, 7th May, 2013.

(Circulated)

- (ii) Minutes of Proceedings of the 10th Meeting of the Committee of Selection held on Wednesday, 22nd May, 2013.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Labour:

The National Minimum Wage Order 2013 – No. 5 of 2013.

(Circulated)

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STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-

33rd Death Anniversary of Dr. Walter Rodney

The Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs made a statement on the 33rd Death Anniversary of Dr. Walter Rodney.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and First Reading

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No.15/2013

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Hydro-Electric Power Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

(i) **GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS**

BILLS – Second Readings

ITEM 1 - EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 7/2013 published on 2013-02-14

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Evidence Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-03-14)

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

The second reading of the Evidence (Amendment) Bill 2013 was put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

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
Ms Baveghems
Mr. Sharma
Mr. Bulkan
Mr. Bond
Ms Kissoon
Mr. Trotman
Ms Selman
Mr. Allicock
Ms Wade
Mr. Felix
Ms Hastings
Mr. Scott

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
Mr. Damon
Dr. Persaud
Rev. Gilbert
Dr. Mahadeo
Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Chand
Ms Shaddick
Mrs. Chandarpal
Mr. Nadir
Ms Teixeira
Bishop Edghill
Mr. Whittaker
Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
Mr. G. Persaud
Mr. Benn
Mr. Ali
Dr. Ramsarran
Dr. Westford
Mr. R. Persaud
Dr. Singh
Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Mr. Nandlall
Dr. Ramsammy

Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Harmon
Mr. Greenidge
Mrs. Backer
Dr. Norton
Mr. B. Williams
Ms Ally
Dr. Roopnarine
Brig. (Ret'd) Granger

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Mr. Rohee
Mr. Hinds

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**ITEM 2 - MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 –
Bill No. 8/2013 published on 2013-02-14**

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following
Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic
Act.

(Read a first time on 2013-03-14)

The Minister of Public Works spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

The second reading of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2013 was put and
negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

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
Mr. Sharma
Mr. Bulkan
Mr. Bond
Ms Kissoon
Mr. Trotman
Ms Selman
Mr. Allicock
Ms Wade
Mr. Felix
Ms Hastings
Mr. Scott
Lt. Co. (Ret'd) Harmon
Mr. Greenidge
Mrs. Backer

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
Mr. Damon
Dr. Persaud
Rev. Gilbert
Dr. Mahadeo
Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Lumumba
Mr. Chand
Ms Shaddick
Mrs. Chandarpal
Mr. Nadir
Ms Teixeira
Bishop Edghill
Mr. Whittaker
Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
Mr. G. Persaud
Mr. Benn
Mr. Ali
Dr. Ramsarran
Dr. Westford
Mr. R. Persaud
Dr. Singh
Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Mr. Nandlall
Dr. Ramsammy
Mr. Rohee

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Dr. Norton

Mr. Hinds

Mrs. Lawrence

Mr. B. Williams

Ms Ally

Dr. Roopnarine

Brig. (Ret'd) Granger

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ITEM 3 - FIRE SERVICE (CHANGE OF NAME) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 13/2013
published on 2013-05-02

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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

(Read a first time on 2013-05-07)

Mr. Joseph Hamilton spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

The second reading of the Fire Service (Change of Name) Bill 2013 was put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

Mr. T. Williams

Ms Marcello

FOR

Mr. Jafarally

Mr. Damon

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Dr. Ramayaa	Dr. Persaud
Mrs. Garrido-Lowe	Rev. Gilbert
Mrs. Hughes	Dr. Mahadeo
Mr. Nagamootoo	Mr. Neendkumar
Mr. Ramjattan	Mr. Lumumba
Ms Ferguson	Mr. Chand
Mr. Morian	Ms Shaddick
Ms Williams	Mrs. Chandarpal
Mr. Jones	Mr. Nadir
Mr. Adams	Ms Teixeira
Mr. Sharma	Bishop Edghill
Mr. Bulkan	Mr. Whittaker
Mr. Bond	Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
Ms Kissoon	Mr. G. Persaud
Mr. Trotman	Mr. Benn
Ms Selman	Mr. Ali
Mr. Allicock	Dr. Ramsarran
Ms Wade	Dr. Westford
Mr. Felix	Mr. R. Persaud
Ms Hastings	Dr. Singh
Mr. Scott	Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
Lt. Co. (Ret'd) Harmon	Mr. Nandlall
Mr. Greenidge	Dr. Ramsammy
Mrs. Backer	Mr. Rohee
Dr. Norton	Mr. Hinds
Mrs. Lawrence	
Mr. B. Williams	

Ms Ally
Dr. Roopnarine
Brig. (Ret'd) Granger

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SUSPENSION OF SITTING

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

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 5.35 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

ITEM 4 - POLICE (CHANGE OF NAME) BILL 2013 – Bill No. 14/2013 published on 2013-05-02

The Minister of Home Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

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

(Read a first time on 2013-05-07)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Rev. Dr. Kwame Gilbert

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

Thereafter the Minister of Home Affairs replied.

The second reading of the Police (Change of Name) Bill 2013 was put and negatived on the following division:

AGAINST

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

FOR

Mr. Jafarally
 Mr. Damon
 Dr. Persaud
 Rev. Gilbert
 Dr. Mahadeo
 Mr. Neendkumar
 Mr. Lumumba
 Mr. Chand
 Ms Shaddick
 Mrs. Chandarpal
 Ms Teixeira
 Bishop Edghill
 Mr. Whittaker
 Mrs. Campbell-Sukhai
 Mr. G. Persaud
 Ms Manickchand
 Mr. Benn
 Mr. Ali
 Dr. Ramsarran
 Dr. Westford
 Mr. R. Persaud
 Dr. Singh
 Mrs. Rodrigues-Birkett
 Mr. Nandlall
 Dr. Ramsammy
 Mr. Rohee

Mr. B. Williams

Mr. Hinds

Ms Ally

Dr. Roopnarine

Brig. (Ret'd) Granger

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ITEM 5 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILL 2012 – Bill No. 18/2012 published on 2012-08-09

At the request of the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs the second reading of the following Bill was deferred:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment of the Telecommunications Agency and for a regular, coordinated, open and competitive telecommunications sector and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 2012-08-09)

ITEM 6 - PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2012 – Bill No. 17/2012 published on 2012-08-09

At the request of the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs the second reading of the following Bill was deferred:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Public Utilities Commission Act.

(Read a first time on 2012-08-09)

(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTIONS

**ITEM 7 - THE MARRIED PERSONS (PROPERTY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013 –
Bill No. 9 of 2013**

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

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Married Persons (Property) (Amendment) Bill 2013 – Bill No. 9 of 2013:-

A Bill intituled AN ACT to amend the Married Persons (Property) Act.

(Notice Paper No. 164 (M 60 Opp.37) published on 2013-03-13)

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs spoke to the motion.

Leave was granted and thereafter the Clerk read aloud the title of the Bill.

**ITEM 8 - APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE
THE INCIDENCE OF ILLNESS AND DEATHS IN THE BARIMA-WAINI
REGION OF GUYANA**

Brig. (Ret'd) David Granger, M.S.S., M.P., Leader of the Opposition moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana prescribes at Article 24 that “Every citizen has the right to free medical attention etc;” and, at Article 36 that, “The well-being for the nation depends upon preserving clean air, fertile soils, pure water, etc;”

AND WHEREAS there have been credible reports that several persons – including a two-month old child, a seven-month old child and a twelve-month old child – have died and over 500 persons became ill since February, 2013 and several other persons had died and become ill from time to time, from similar causes said to be associated with the supply of water, elsewhere in the same Barima-Waini Region;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Ch. 19:03, “The President may issue a commission appointing one or more Commissioners and authorising such Commissioner or Commissioners to inquire into any matter in which an inquiry would, in the opinion of the President, be for the public welfare;”

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly expresses its sympathy with the relatives of the deceased children and with the victims of the illness in the Barima-Waini Region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly calls upon the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, in accordance with the Commission of Inquiry Act, Ch. 19:03, to appoint a commission of inquiry to inquire into the illness and deaths of persons and to make recommendations to prevent a recurrence of such illness and deaths and to preserve the well-being of the residents of the Barima-Waini Region.

(Notice Paper No. 187 (M 74 Opp 47) published on 2013-05-09)

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 7.05 p.m., the sitting was suspended for refreshments.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

At 7.42 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

The Assembly resumed the debate on the motion.

The following Members spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Health

Ms Rennita Williams

The Minister in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

Mrs. Valarie Garrido-Lowe

The Minister of Amerindian Affairs

Dr. George Norton

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 10(1)

At 9.40 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.

Assembly resumed the debate on the motion.

The following Members also spoke to the motion:

The Minister of Agriculture

Mr. James Bond

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

The motion was then put and carried.

ITEM 9 - HONOURING THE 21ST AUGUST, 2012 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA AND THE REGIONAL DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL, REGION #10

At the request of Ms Vanessa Kissoon, M.P. consideration of the following motion was deferred:

WHEREAS the people of Linden have from the time of the announcement by the Government that there would be an increase in electricity tariff, consequent to the government's intended withdrawal of the subsidy, indicated through their pronouncements in the national media, peaceful picketing exercises and other forms of peaceful protest that the community did not have the economic capacity to pay the steep and unconscionable increase in the cost of electricity and therefore saw the decision as an unjust imposition on the people of Linden;

AND WHEREAS the Government continued to take action to impose the increase in the cost of electricity on the people of Linden in total violation of the people's right to be involved in decisions that directly affect them as is explicit in Article 13 of the Constitution which states that, "The principal objective of the State is to establish an inclusionary democracy by providing increasing opportunities for the participation of citizens, and their organizations in the management and decision-making processes of the State, with particular emphasis on those areas of decisions-making that directly affect their well being";

RECOGNISING that the Government was not responsive to the concerns and interests of the people of Linden and therefore left the people of Linden with no alternative, but to continue to protest;

AND WHEREAS the people of Linden were involved in peaceful protest and were subjected to the uncalled for use of excessive and lethal force by the Guyana Police Force resulting in the death of Mr. Allen Lewis, Mr. Ron Sommerest, Mr. Shemroy Bouyea and the injuring of scores of unarmed protestors;

AND WHEREAS the use of lethal force rather than instilling fear that was intended, increased the resolve of the people and escalated the protest forcing the Government to respond to concerns of the people of Linden and enter into negotiations with the people of Region 10, represented by their elected and legitimate representatives;

CONCERNED that even while the negotiations were ongoing the Guyana Police and Guyana Defence Forces were used against the people of Linden, including the indiscriminate shooting and injuring of innocent people in their homes on a quiet Sunday;

NOTING that in the face of such provocation, the Region continued to negotiate with the Government in good faith;

AND WHEREAS these negotiations resulted in the Agreement of 21st August, 2012, between the Government of Guyana and Region 10 Regional Democratic Council signed, on behalf of the Government of Guyana, by the Hon. Prime Minister, Mr. Samuel Hinds, O.E., M.P., and on behalf of Region 10, Regional Democratic Council, by Mr. Sharma Solomon;

AND WHEREAS the full text of the aforesaid written Agreement, which is attached to this motion, contains the details of the Agreement, inclusive of the deadlines for implementation and the actions required to be undertaken by all parties to the Agreement; (See Appendix)

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CONCERNED that six (6) months after the signing of the Agreement many aspects of the Agreement have not been implemented, especially the commitment to return the dish and transmitter to the people of Linden, inter alia;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government of Guyana to immediately adhere to its commitments and obligations under the written Agreement of 21st August, 2012 thereby ensuring that the benefits which were to accrue to the residents of Region 10 are realized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Government of Guyana be held solely accountable and responsible for all direct and indirect consequences flowing from its continued unwillingness to adhere to the letter and spirit of the written Agreement of 21st August, 2012.

(Notice Paper No. 165 (M 61 Opp.38) published on 2013-03-13)

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.35 p.m., on a motion by the Prime Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m., on Thursday, 27th June, 2013.

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

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam,
Georgetown.

13th June, 2013.

