

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

**FOR THE 9TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION
(1998) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 21ST MAY, 1998

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

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**MAHAICA-MAHAICONY-ABARY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 5/1998**

The Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Government,
to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the
Mahaica-Mahaicony-Abary Agricultural
Development Authority Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS -

BILL - Second Reading

**LOCAL AUTHORITY (ELECTIONS)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1998 - Bill No. 3/1998
published 2.4.98**

The Minister of Local Government to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local
Authorities (Elections) Act to provide for the
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local democratic organ

(Read a first time on 3.4.98)

F.A. NARAIN

Clerk of the National Assembly

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

14th May, 1998

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE 9TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
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MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (76)

Speaker (1)

The Hon. Derek C. Jagan, C.C.H., S.C., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly

Members of the Government - People's Progressive Party/Civic (46)

The Hon. Samuel A. A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister (Absent - on leave)

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

The Hon. Clement J. Rohee, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo, M.P., Minister of Finance (Absent - on leave)

*The Hon. Charles R. Ramson, S.C., M.P., Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs

*The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Education

The Hon. M. Shree Chan, M.P., Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry (Absent)

*The Hon. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Minister of Human Services and Social Security
(Absent)

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

*The Hon. F. Vibert DeSouza, M.P., Minister of Amerindian Affairs

*The Hon. George E. Fung-On, M.P., Minister of the Public Service

*The Hon. Dr. Henry B. Jeffrey, M.P., Minister of Health and Labour

The Hon. Moses V. Nagamootoo, J.P., M.P., Minister of Information

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

*The Hon. Satyadeow Sawh, M.P., Minister of Livestock and Fisheries (Absent - on leave)

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

*The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics

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

*Non-elected Minister

Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, M.P.

Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.

Mr. Fazil M. Ali, M.P.

Mr. Husman Alli, M.P.

Mr. Komal Chand, C.C.H., J.P., M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Navindranauth O. Chandarpal, M.P.

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P. (Absent)

Mrs. Shirley V. Edwards, J.P., M.P.

Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman, M.P.

Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan, M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Alston A. Kissoon, M.P.

Dr. Moti Lall, M.P.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P.

Mr. Hari Narayen Ramkarran, S.C., M.P.

Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.

Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury, C.C.H., J.P., M.P.,
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Local Government.

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P.

Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Mr. Joseph M. DeSouza, M.P. (Region No. 1 - Barima/Waini)

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

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

Mr. Geoffrey A. Fraser, M.P. (Region No. 5 - Mahaica/Berbice) (Absent)

Mr. Ramsundar Sankat, M.S., M.P. (Region No. 6 - East Berbice/Corentyne)

Mr. Eustace S. Rodrigues, M.S., M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)
(Absent - on leave)

Mr. Kumkaran Ramdas, M.P. (National Congress of Local Democratic Organs)

3.

Members of the Minority (29)

(i) People's National Congress (25)

(Vacant)

(ii) The United Force (2)

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

Mr. Matthew R. Charlie, M.P. (Region No. 9 - Upper Takutu/Upper Essequibo) (Absent)

(iii) Alliance for Guyana (2)

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, M.P.

Mr. Albertino Peters, M.P. (Region No. 8 - Potaro/Siparuni) (Absent)

OFFICERS

Mr. Frank A. Narain, A.A., Clerk of the National Assembly

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

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 2.10 p.m.

PRAYER

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) Leave

The Speaker announced that leave had been granted to -

The Hon. Samuel A.A. Hinds,
The Hon. Bharrat Jagdeo,
The Hon. Stayadeow Sawh,
Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney and
Mr. Eustace S. Rodrigues
for that day's sitting,
and Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed up to 11th June, 1998.

(ii) Appointment of Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury as a Parliamentary Secretary

The Speaker announced that he had been informed that Mrs. Philomena Sahoye-Shury had been appointed a Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government.

On behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, the Speaker extended congratulations to Mrs. Sahoye-Shury.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-

(1) By the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Prime Minister:

Annual Report of the Office of the President
for the year 1997.

(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Minister of Finance:

Financial Paper No. 1/1998 - Supplementary Estimates
(Current and Capital) totaling \$ 680,091,000 for the
period ended 31st December, 1997 - Advances made
from the Contingencies Fund.

(Circulated)

In accordance with Standing Order No. 68(1), the Minister named Thursday, 11th June, 1998, as the day for the consideration of the Financial Paper.

(3) By the Minister of Health and Labour:

Policy Document on HIV/AIDS in Guyana.

(Circulated)

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(2) **GUYANA SHIPPING BILL 1998 - BILL No. 6/1998**

The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics, on behalf of the Government, presented the following Bill which was read the first time:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the regulation of ships, and the property therein and owners thereof, the behaviour of the master and mariners and their respective rights, duties, and liabilities as regards the carriage of passengers and goods by ship, collision between ships, salvage, rights, liabilities, claims, contracts, and matters arising in respect of ships and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

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BILL - Second Reading

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(Read a first time on 3.4.98)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Manzoor Nadir

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine

The Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs.

Thereafter, the Minister of Local Government replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time and was thereafter taken through its remaining stages and passed as printed.

WELCOME TO DR. BALAMURALI AMBATI

On behalf of Members of the Assembly and himself, the Speaker welcomed on his visit to Guyana and to the National Assembly Dr. Balamurali Ambati who had become the world's youngest doctor at the age of 17 years.

7.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.53 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.



D.C. JAGAN

Speaker of the National Assembly

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
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Georgetown.**

21st May, 1998.