

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 12TH 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 WEDNESDAY, 15TH JULY, 1998
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -

3. (v) By the Minister of Finance:

Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1998 (No. 14 of 1998),
made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act,
Chapter 80:02, on 14th July, 1998 and published
in the Gazette on 15th July, 1998.

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F.A. NARAIN
Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown.

15th July, 1998

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MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (76)

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, presided.

Speaker (1)

The Hon. Derek C. Jagan, C.C.H., S.C., J.P., M.P., Speaker of the National Assembly
(Absent - on leave)

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

The Hon. Samuel A. A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister

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

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

*The Hon. Rev. Dr. Ramnauth D.A. Bisnauth, M.P., Minister of Education (Absent - on leave)

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

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

*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 (Absent - on leave)

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

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

*The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier, M.P., Minister of Transport and Hydraulics (Absent - on leave)

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

*Non-elected Minister

Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P.

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.

Mr. Navindranauth O. Chandarpal, M.P.

Mr. Bernard C. DeSantos, S.C., M.P.

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

Dr. Hughley H. Hanoman, M.P.

Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Alston A. Kissoon, M.P.

Dr. Moti Lall, C.C.H., M.P.

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P. (Absent)

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

Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, M.P.

Mr. Lawrence E. Rodney, M.P.

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 - Pomerook/Supenaam)

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

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

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)

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

Members of the Minority (29)

(i) People's National Congress (25)

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P.

Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P. (Absent)

Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P.

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P.

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P.

Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P.

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P.

Mr. Kadim A. Khan, M.P.

Miss Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P.

Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P.

Mrs. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.

Mr. Andy G. Goveia, M.P.

Miss Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. John S. DeFreitas, M.P.

Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P.

Dr. Dagleish Joseph, M.P.

Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.

Mr. Joseph L. Hamilton, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)

Mr. Sherwood A. J. Lowe, M.P.

Mr. Andrew Hicks, M.P.

Mr. Neaz Subhan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Colin Bynoe, M.P.

Ms Sandra M. Adams, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)

Mr. Kelly Andries, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

Mr. Milton L. Ganpatsingh, M.P. (Absent)

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(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)

OFFICERS

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

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

COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Sitting commenced at 2.00 p.m.

PRAYERS

The Clerk read Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

•OATHS

The Deputy Speaker stated that he was informed that the names of twenty-two persons were extracted from the People's National Congress List of Candidates and that these twenty-two persons were on 13th July, 1998, declared by the Elections Commission to have become Members of the National Assembly to fill the vacancies in the Assembly.

Those persons were -

Ivor ALLEN
Deborah BACKER
Dunstan BARROW
Colin BYNOE
Lance CARBERRY
John Simon DEFREITAS
Cyrilda DEJESUS
Milton L. GANPATSINGH
Andy GOVEIA
Faith HARDING
Andrew HICKS
Hugh Desmond HOYTE
Dalglish JOSEPH
Kadim KHAN
Sherwood LOWE
Winston MURRAY
Aubrey NORTON
Jean PERSICO
Volda LAWRENCE/ a/k Volda Reman
Clarissa RIEHL
Neaz SUBHAN
Raphael TROTMAN

He also stated that three councillors from the People's National Congress were elected on 13th July, 1998, by the Regional Democratic Councils for Regions 4, 7 and 10 to fill the other three vacancies in the National Assembly.

They were-

Joseph Hamilton Region 4 - Demerara/Mahaica
Kelly Andries Region 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni
Sandra Adams Region 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice

The following twenty-two of the twenty-five Members were present and made and subscribed the Oath:

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P.
Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P.
Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P.
Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P.
Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P.
Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P.
Mr. Kadim A. Khan, M.P.
Miss Jean M.G. Persico, A.A., M.P.
Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P.
Mrs. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.
Mr. Andy G. Goveia, M.P.
Miss Deborah J. Backer, M.P.
Mr. John S. DeFreitas, M.P.
Mr. Raphael G.C. Trotman, M.P.
Dr. Dalglish Joseph, M.P.
Mrs. Volda A. Lawrence, M.P.
Mr. Joseph L. Hamilton, M.P. (Region No. 4 - Demerara/Mahaica)
Mr. Sherwood A. J. Lowe, M.P.
Mr. Andrew Hicks, M.P.
Mr. Colin Bynoe, M.P.
Ms Sandra M. Adams, M.P. (Region No. 10 - Upper Demerara/Berbice)
Mr. Kelly Andries, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni)

The following three Members were not present to make and subscribe the Oath:-

Mr. Winston S. Murray, C.C.H., M.P.
Mr. Neaz Subhan, M.P.
Mr. Milton L. Ganpatsingh, M.P.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**(i) Congratulations and Welcome to Members**

On behalf of the other Members of the Assembly and himself, the Deputy Speaker congratulated the Members from the People's National Congress on their election as Members of the National Assembly. He welcomed to the Assembly those Members who were present and extended best wishes to them.

(ii) Leave

The Deputy Speaker announced that leave for that sitting had been granted to the following Members:-

The Hon. C. Anthony Xavier
Mr. Neaz Subhan.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC. -**(1) By the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs:**

- ✓ Annual Report of the Guyana Sugar Corporation for the year 1996.
(Circulated)

(2) By the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

- (i) Protocol amending the Treaty establishing the Caribbean Community
(Protocol II: Establishment, Services, Capital)
Montego Bay, Jamaica - 1 July, 1997.
(Circulated)

- (ii) The St. Lucia Statement with the Agreement which was made on
2nd July, 1998.
(Circulated)

(3) By the **Minister of Finance:**

- (i) Travel Tax (Amendment) Regulations 1998 (No. 4 of 1998), made under section 57(13) of the Tax Act, Chapter 80:01, on 25th June, 1998, and published in the Gazette on 27th June, 1998.

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- (ii) State Pensions (Maximum Annual Rate) Order 1998 (No. 11 of 1998), made under section 4 of the State Pensions Act, Chapter 27:04, on 25th June, 1998, and published in the Gazette on 27th June, 1998.

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- (iii) State Pensions (Linden Fraser) Order 1998 (No. 12 of 1998), made under section 4 of the State Pensions Act, Chapter 27:04, on 25th June, 1998, and published in the Gazette on 27th June, 1998.

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- (iv) State Pensions (Joan Corbin) Order 1998 (No. 13 of 1998), made under section 4 of the State Pensions Act, Chapter 27:04, on 25th June, 1998, and published in the Gazette on 27th June, 1998.

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- (v) Consumption Tax (Amendment) Order 1998 (No. 14 of 1998), made under section 4 of the Consumption Tax Act, Chapter 80:02, on 14th July, 1998, and published in the Gazette on 15th July, 1998.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS**Apology by Mr. Manzoor Nadir**

With the leave of the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Manzoor Nadir made a personal explanation in which he apologised for certain remarks he had made in the National Assembly at its sitting on 16th March, 1998, during the debate on the second reading of the Electoral Audit (Caricom Agreement) Bill 1998.

**REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY
ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE -****The Bauxite Industry**

A request by Mr. E Lance Carberry to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss the survival of the Bauxite Industry and the communities associated with it, with specific reference to Linmine and the community of Linden, was allowed.

The motion accordingly stood over for moving at a later stage.

PUBLIC BUSINESS**MOTION****AFFIRMATION OF THE TRAVEL TAX (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1998 (No. 4)**

The Minister of Finance moved the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly affirm the Travel Tax (Amendment) Regulations 1998 (No. 4 of 1998), made under section 57(13) of the Tax Act, Chapter 80:01, on 25th June, 1998, and published in the Gazette on 27th June, 1998.

(Notice Paper No. 7 (M7 Govt 7) published 11.7.98)

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Mr. Manzoor Nadir spoke to the motion.

Thereafter the Minister of Finance replied.

The motion was then put and carried.

**MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON A DEFINITE
MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

The Bauxite Industry

In accordance with the permission granted earlier, Mr. E Lance Carberry moved the adjournment of the Assembly and spoke on the survival of the Bauxite Industry and the Communities associated with it, with specific reference to Linmine and the Community of Linden.

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The following Members spoke on the matter:

The Prime Minister

Mr. Alston A. Kissoon

Thereafter, Mr. Carberry replied and concluded the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.35 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

W. M ZEPHYR

Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

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15th July, 1998.