

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER**  
**FOR THE 37<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**  
**(1998-1999) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**  
**AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON THURSDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1999**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS FOR SITTING**

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.-**

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**F.A. NARAIN**

**Clerk of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown**

**11<sup>th</sup> November, 1999**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
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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)**

Mr. Samuel A. A. Hinds, M.P., Prime Minister (Absent-Performing the functions of the President)

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 (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

\*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 (Absent-on leave)

\*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 (Absent- on leave)

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

\*The Hon. J. Ronald Gajraj, M.P., Minister of Home Affairs

Mr. S. Feroze Mohamed, M.P., Chief Whip

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.

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.

Mr. Hari Narayen Ramkarran, S.C., M.P. (Absent)

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 (Absent)

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P.

Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P.

Dr. Bheri Ramsaran, M.P.

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

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) (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)

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 - on leave)

Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P., Chief Whip

Mrs. Clarissa S. Riehl, M.P., Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

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.

Mrs. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.

Mr. Andy Goveia, M.P. (Absent)

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. John S. DeFreitas, M.P. (Absent)

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

Dr. Dalgleish 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)

Mr. Colin Bynoe, M.P.

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

Mr. Kelley Andres, M.P. (Region No. 7 - Cuyuni/Mazaruni) (Absent)

Mr. Thakechand Ramnauth, M.P.

Mr. Aubrey C. Norton, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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**(ii) The United Force (2)**

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P. (Absent)

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

**(iii) Alliance for Guyana (2)**

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, M.P. (Absent- on leave)

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

**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 2.04 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk read Prayers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**

**(i) Absence of Hon. Samuel Hinds**

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the Hon. Samuel Hinds, Prime Minister, was performing the functions of the President during the absence of the President from Guyana with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1999, and that he would not therefore be present at that sitting of the Assembly.

The Hon. Reepu Daman Persaud was performing the functions of the Prime Minister.

**(ii) Declaration of Election of Hon. Clinton C. Collymore**

The Speaker stated that following his call upon the representative of the People's Progress Party/Civic List of Candidates, he was informed that the name of Mr. Clinton C. Collymore had been extracted from the list and that Mr. Collymore had on that day been declared to be an elected Member of the National Assembly to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo.

Mr. Collymore, who was a non-elected Minister, had now become an elected Member of the National Assembly and could now therefore vote in the Assembly.

(iii) **Leave**

The Speaker announced that leave from that day's sitting had been granted to -

the Hon. Clement Rohee,

the Hon. Harripersaud Nokta,

the Hon. Satyadeow Sawh,

the Hon. Anthony Xavier,

Mr. Winston Murray,

Mr. Aubrey Norton,       and

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine.

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC:-**

(1) By the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs (Performing the functions of the Prime Minister):-

The following documents relating to the Guyana Electricity Corporation (GEC) Privatisation Agreement:

- (i) Management Agreement  
Respecting Guyana Power & Light, Inc.  
October 1, 1999
- (ii) Share Subscription Agreement  
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- ✓(iii) Shareholders' Agreement  
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- (iv) Operating and Agency Agreement  
By and between the Guyana Electricity Corporation  
and the Guyana Power & Light, Inc.  
Made on October 1, 1999



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- (v) Licence to supply electricity for Public purposes  
Granted to Guyana Power & Light, Inc.  
With Schedules 1,2,3 and 4  
Issued Effective October 1, 1999.

- (2) By the Chairman of the Special Select Committee on the Report of the Constitution Reform Commission (Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs):

Report of the Special Select Committee on the Report  
of the Constitution Reform Commission

(Circulated)

- (3) By the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs:

State Lands (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (No. 7 of 1999).

(Circulated)

- (4) By the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Annual Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for  
the year 1996.

(Circulated)

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

State Pensions (George Walcott) Order 1999  
(No. 14 of 1999).

(Circulated)

Following a point of order made subsequently by Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, concerning the presentation of the State Pensions (George Walcott) Order 1999, in the name of the designation Minister of Finance, the presentation of the Order was deferred.

- (6) By the Minister of Education:

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## **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

### **BILL - Second Reading Committee and Third Reading**

**ITEM 1 - MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1999 - BILL No. 17/1999**  
**published 31.7.99**

The Minister of Health and Labour moved the second reading of the following Bill:

9.

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the  
Medical Practitioners Act 1991.

(Read a first time on 29.7.99)

Dr. Dagleish Joseph spoke to the motion.

Thereafter, the Minister of Health and Labour 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 with the following amendment to Clause 1 -

Addition of the words “and commencement”  
after the words “Short title” in the marginal note.  
Insertion of the words “and shall come into operation  
on such date as the Minister may by order appoint”  
before the full stop at the end of Clause 1.

**Bill - Second Reading Deferred**

**ITEM 2- CARIBBEAN INVESTMENT FUND BILL 1999 - Bill No. 11/1999 published 3.7.99**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give effect  
to the Agreement establishing the  
Caribbean Investment Fund and to  
provide for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 1.7.99)

On account of the decision taken earlier to defer the presentation of the State Pensions (George Walcott) Order 1999, in the designation of the Minister of Finance, consideration of the Caribbean Investment Fund Bill 1999, also in the designation of the Minister of Finance, was deferred.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2.52 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. LAGAN  
Speaker of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
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Georgetown.

11<sup>th</sup> November, 1999