

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 52<sup>ND</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION  
(1998-2000) OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

**AT 2.00 P.M.**

**ON THURSDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2000**

**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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(To be circulated)

- (2) By the **Minister of Foreign Affairs:**

ACP-EU Negotiations: Partnership Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Community and its Member States.

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**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**Presentation and First Reading**

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Bill No. 10/2000**

The Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the  
Kaieteur National Park Act.

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F.A. NARAIN  
Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Georgetown.

20<sup>th</sup> July, 2000

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
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**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (76)**

**Speaker (1)**

The Hon. Derek C. Jagan, O.R., 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

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. 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. Indranie Chandarpal, M.P., Minister of Human Services and Social Security (Absent -  
on leave)

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

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

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

\*The Hon. Saisnarine Kowlessar, M.P., Minister in the Office of the President with  
responsibility for Finance

\*The Hon. Geoffrey Da Silva, M.P., Minister of Trade, Tourism and Industry (Absent - on  
leave)

\*Non elected Minister

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

Mr. Cyril C. Belgrave, C.C.H., M.P.

Mr. Donald Ramotar, 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.

Mr. Alston A. Kisson, M.P.

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

Mr. Odinga N. Lumumba, M.P.

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

Mr. Hari Narayan 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

Mrs. Pauline R. Sukhai, M.P.

Mr. Winslow M. Zephyr, M.P.

Dr. Bheri Ramsaran, M.P.

Mrs. Bijulee Moti, M.P.

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

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

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

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 Opposition (29)**

**(i) People's National Congress (25)**

Mr. H. Desmond Hoyte, S.C., M.P. Leader of the Opposition

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

Mr. Dunstan Barrow, M.P., Chief Whip (Absent - on leave)

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

Mr. E. Lance Carberry, M.P.

Dr. Faith A. Harding, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

Mr. Ivor Allen, M.P.

Mr. Kadim A. Khan, M.P. (Absent - on leave)

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

Mrs. Cyrilda A. DeJesus, M.P.

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

Mrs. Deborah J. Backer, M.P.

Mr. John S. DeFreitas, M.P.

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

Dr. Dalglish Joseph, M.D., 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.

Miss 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)

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

Mr. Manzoor Nadir, M.P.

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

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

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

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

**OFFICERS**

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

Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah, Principal Assistant Secretary (Finance) (Performing the functions of Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, in the absence on leave of Mr. Sherlock E. Isaacs)

**COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING**

The Sitting commenced at 2.03 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

The Clerk read Prayers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER**

(i) **Leave**

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

The Hon. Indranie Chandarpal,

The Hon. Dr. Henry Jeffrey,

The Hon. Geoffrey Da Silva,

Mr. Winston Murray,

Mr. Dunstan Barrow,

and

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine.

(ii) **Functions of Deputy Clerk**

The Speaker stated that the Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Sherlock Isaacs, was on leave and that his functions were being performed by the next most senior officer at the Parliament Office, who was Mrs. Lilawtie Coonjah, a Principal Assistant Secretary for Finance.

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

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**(Circulated)**

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ACP-EU Negotiations: Partnership Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Community and its Member States.

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3) By Mr. E. Lance Carberry, as deputed **by the Public Accounts Committee, in the absence of the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (Mr. Dunstan Barrow):**

Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Public Accounts of Guyana for the year 1994.

**(Circulated on 2000-07-04)**

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

**Floods in Guyana**

A request by Mr. Ivor Allen to move the adjournment of the Assembly to discuss the floods in Guyana, was not allowed by the Speaker as the matter did not qualify as one to be moved on a motion for the adjournment of the Assembly.

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**(2) CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2000 - Bill No. 9/2000**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to alter the  
Constitution in accordance with  
articles 66 and 164.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**BILLS - Second Reading**

**ITEM 1 - ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2000 - Bill No. 8/2000  
published 2000-07-01**

The Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs moved the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Election  
Laws (Amendment) Act 1996.  
(Read a first time on 2000-07-04)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mrs. Deborah Backer  
Mr. Manzoor Nadir  
The Leader of the Opposition.

Thereafter, the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs replied.

The motion was then **put** and **carried**.

The Bill was read a second time.

7.

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

**In Committee**

**Clause 1** was **passed** as **printed**.

**Clause 2**

The following amendments by Mr. Manzoor Nadir were **negatived**:  
Substitution of the words “full-time and part-time staff” for the words “permanent and temporary staff” in subsection (2).

Clause 2 was **passed** and **printed**.

**Assembly resumed.**

On a motion by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Bill was read the third time and **passed** as **printed**.

**ITEM 2 - CIVIL AVIATION BILL 2000 - Bill No. 7/2000 published 2000-06-05**

The Minister of Transport and Hydraulics moved the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision  
in respect of the regulation and control of  
civil aviation in Guyana and for purposes  
connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 2000-07-04)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mr. Lance Carberry  
Mr. Manzoor Nadir.

Thereafter, the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics replied.

The motion was then **put** and **carried**.

The Bill was read a second time.



8.

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

**In Committee**

The Clauses (Nos. 1 to 38) and the Schedule were passed with the corrections of typographical errors as follows:

**Clause 7**

The Insertion of the word “the” between the words “of” and “Authority” in the second line of subsection (2).

**Clause 21**

Substitution of the word “the” for the word “he” in the third line of paragraph (a) of subsection (1).

**Clause 23**

Substitution of the word “to” for the word “or” in the first line of subsection (2).

**Schedule**

Deletion of the word “Appointment.” after the word “Authority” in the second line of Clause 3.

**Assembly resumed.**

On a motion by the Minister of Transport and Hydraulics, the Civil Aviation Bill 2000 was read the third time and **passed** as **corrected**.

**MOTIONS**

**ITEM 3 - RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL IV WHICH AMENDS THE TREATY ESTABLISHING THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved the following motion:

WHEREAS Protocol IV Amending the Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community signed at Chaguaramas on 4 July, 1973 was signed by nine (9) Heads of Government at the Twentieth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community which was held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago during the period July 4-7, 1999;

AND WHEREAS the said Protocol IV was signed by the Honourable Clement J. Rohee, Minister of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the Government of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS the said Protocol provides for a Trade Policy for the Caribbean Community within the context of the Single Market and Economy;

AND WHERE AS Protocol IV Amending the Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community has as its principal objective the establishment of a Trade Policy which would promote sustained growth of intra-community and international trade among Member States and between the community and the third States;

AND WHEREAS Guyana like its CARICOM counterpart remains committed to the full integration of the National Markets of all Member States of the Community into a single unified and open market area;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly hereby agrees to the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community being informed of Guyana's intention to ratify the said Protocol IV by the deposit of an appropriate Instrument of Ratification.

(Notice Paper No. 75 (M34 Govt30) published 2000-04-04)

The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mrs. Clarissa Riehl  
Mr. Manzoor Nadir.

The motion was then **put** and **carried**.

**ITEM 4 - RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL VI WHICH AMENDS THE TREATY ESTABLISHING THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved the following motion:

WHEREAS Protocol VI Amending the Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community signed at Chaguaramas on 4 July, 1973 was signed by ten (10) Heads of Government at the Twentieth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community which was held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad during the period July 4-7, 1999;

AND WHEREAS the said Protocol VI was signed by the Honourable Clement J. Rohee, Minister of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the Government of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS the said Protocol provides for a Transport Policy for the Community within the context of the Single Market and Economy;

**10.**

AND WHEREAS Protocol VI Amending the Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community has as its primary goal the provision of adequate, safe and internationally competitive transport services for the development and consolidation of the CARICOM Single Market Economy;

AND WHEREAS Guyana recognizes the vital importance of land, air and maritime transportation for mastering economic, social and cultural linkages;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly hereby agrees to the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community being informed of Guyana's intention to ratify the said Protocol VI by the deposit of an appropriate Instrument of Ratification.

(Notice Paper No. 76 (M35 Govt 31) published 2000-04-04)

Mrs. Clarissa Riehl spoke to the motion.

The motion was then **put** and **carried**.

**ITEM 5 - RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL VII WHICH AMENDS THE TREATY ESTABLISHING THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved the following motion:

WHEREAS Protocol VII Amending the Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community signed at Chaguaramas on 4 July, 1973 was signed by ten (10) Heads of Government at the Twentieth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community which was held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago during the period July 4-7, 1999;

AND WHEREAS the said Protocol VII was signed by the Honourable Clement J. Rohee, the Minister of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the Government of Guyana;

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AND WHEREAS this Protocol seeks to specifically address Disadvantaged Countries, Regions and Sectors within the context of the Single Market and Economy;

AND WHEREAS Protocol VII Amending the Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community aims to establish effective mechanisms to assist disadvantaged countries, regions and sectors within the framework of the Treaty as well as a special regime for the less developed countries in order to enhance their prospects for successful competition within the Community, and redress, to the extent possible, any negative impact of the establishment of the CSME;

AND WHEREAS Guyana remains aware that the persistence of disadvantage, may impact adversely on economic and social cohesion in the Caribbean Community;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly hereby agrees to the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community being informed of Guyana's intention to ratify the said Protocol VII by the deposit of an appropriate Instrument of Ratification.

(Notice Paper No. 77 (M36 Govt 32) published 2000-04-04)

Mrs. Clarissa Riehl spoke to the motion.

The motion was then **put** and **carried**.

**ITEM 6 - RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 22 OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs moved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT) was signed in 1978 with the functions of the Secretariat being performed on a Pro Tempore basis;

AND WHEREAS at the fifth meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the ACT countries held in Lima in 1995, a decision was taken to establish a Permanent Secretariat which would be located in Brasilia;

**12.**

AND WHEREAS on December 14, 1998, the eight member countries signed the Agreement to amend Article 22 via which the Pro Tempore Secretariat was created;

AND WHEREAS for the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat all the member countries are required to formally endorse (ratify) "Amendment Protocol";

AND WHEREAS three countries (Bolivia, Brazil and Peru) have already ratified the Amendment Protocol, and the others have initiated the process of doing so;

AND WHEREAS Guyana stands to benefit from its participation in the Treaty from access to information packages, regional data bases and collaboration with other member countries in the areas of Science and Technology, Energy, Environment, Tourism, Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, Education and Indigenous Affairs;

AND WHEREAS Guyana has benefited from its membership of the Treaty via (funded) participation in Regional Meetings/Training Workshops in areas such as Science, Technology, Environment, Ecotourism, Ecological and Economic Zoning, Forestry, Small Scale Production of fruits and vegetables, Geographical Information Systems, an ACT Web page, etc.;

AND WHEREAS the benefits to growth and development of Guyana which will be obtained from participation in the Treaty justify the annual contribution of US\$22,792.00 by this country to the annual budget of the Permanent Secretariat;

AND WHEREAS Cabinet has approved the recommendation to ratify the Protocol of Amendment of Article 22 of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty;

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the National Assembly endorses the decision to ratify the Protocol of Amendment of Article 22 of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

(Notice Paper No. 72 (M31 Govt 27) published 2000-02-02)

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The following Members spoke to the motion:

Mrs Clarissa Riehl  
Mr. Manzoor Nadir.

The motion was then **put** and **carried**.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4.12 p.m., on a motion by the Minister of Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs, the Assembly was adjourned to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2000.

  
**D. C. JAGAN**  
**Speaker of the National Assembly**

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

**20<sup>th</sup> July, 2000**