

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ORDER PAPER**

**FOR THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION**

**(2006 - 2007) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

**AT 2.00 P.M.**

**ON TUESDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 2007**

**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN**

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**BUSINESS FOR SITTING**

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**MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND  
MOVED BY A MINISTER-**

1. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 28(1)**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works & Communications to move the following motion:

WHEREAS it is provided by Standing Order No. 28(1) that a Government motion shall not be placed upon the Order Paper for a day earlier than seven (7) days from the day on which the notice was given to the Clerk;

AND WHEREAS a notice of a motion has been given this day, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 to be moved on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2007, for the suspension of Standing Order No. 54 (1) to enable the Assembly to proceed with the second and third readings of the Value-Added Tax (Amendment) Bill 2007 – Bill No. 3 of 2007.

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That Standing Order No. 28 (1) be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed with the motion to suspend Standing Order No. 54(1).

**(Notice Paper No. 59 (M17 Govt13) published on 2007-01-19)**

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2. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 54 (1)(a)**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works & Communications to move the following motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That Standing Order No. 54(1)(a) be suspended to enable the Assembly to proceed at its sitting on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2007, with the second reading and the remaining stages of the Value-Added Tax (Amendment) Bill 2007 – Bill No. 3 of 2007.

**(Notice Paper No. 58 (M16 Govt12) published on 2007-01-19)**

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS-**

**(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**BILLS – Second Reading**

1. **VALUE –ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL 2007- Bill No. 3/2007 published on 2007-01-17**

The Minister of Finance to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Value-Added Tax Act 2005.

**(Read a first time on 2007-01-19)**

**BILL – Second Reading, Committee and Third Reading**

**\*2. HEALTH FACILITIES LICENSING BILL 2006 – Bill No. 29/2006 published on 2006-12-21**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Sectoral Committee on Social Services has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the licensing of Health Facilities and for related matters.

**(Read a first time on 2006-12-21)**

**(Committed to the Sectoral Committee on Social Services on 2007-01-11)**

**(ii) PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**Presentation and first Reading**

**\*FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL 2006 – Bill No. 26/2006**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., is to seek leave to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give access to information to members of the public.

\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**\*3. THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

**Member Giving Notice: Ms Chantalle Smith, M.P.**

WHEREAS in 1991 Guyana signed and ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child;

AND WHEREAS Article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child states that "Parties shall take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse, while in the care of parent(s), legal guardian(s) or any other person who has the care of the child";

AND WHEREAS the Committee on the Convention on the Rights of the Child has consistently proposed the abolition of corporal punishment when the reporting process under the convention has revealed the continued existence of school corporal punishment;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana's report to the Committee of the Convention of the Rights of the Child of July 29, 2002 states: "Enhanced legislation is an integral element in this country's efforts to give tangible effect to the provisions of the Constitution Reform Commission.";

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\*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana's report to the Committee on the Convention on the Rights of the Child of July 29, 2002 further states "The Constitutional Reform Commission acknowledged that the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child should inform constitutional provisions to protect children's rights. The Oversight Select Committee of the Revised Guyana Constitution subsequently accepted the above recommendations and in 2001 these rights were accorded the status of fundamental and human rights in the amended Constitution",

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly declares the continued use of corporal punishment in schools in Guyana a violation of Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly declares the continued use of corporal punishment in schools in Guyana a violation of the Constitution;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That this National Assembly recommends the abolition of corporal punishment under the new Education Act.

**(Notice Paper No. 22 ( M3 Opp2) published on 2006-11-22)**

(iii) **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

  
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**S.E. ISAACS**  
**Clerk of the National Assembly**

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,  
Public Buildings,  
Brickdam.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2007.**