

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 10TH 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, 23RD JANUARY, 2007

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

2. CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ACROSS THE BERBICE RIVER

Member Giving Notice: Mr. James McAllister, M.P.

WHEREAS 12 Presidents of South American countries met in September, 2000 and agreed on the Initiative for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America (IIRSA) which, has a portfolio of 335 infrastructural projects organized in ten Integration and Development Hubs and a Consensus Agenda comprising of 31 integration projects which are to be executed between 2005 and 2010;

AND WHEREAS the Guiana Shield Hub, of which Guyana is a part, has a number of projects including bridging the Takutu River; the Boa Vista-Bonfim-Lethem-Linden-Georgetown Highway; Venezuela (Cuidad Guayana) – Guyana (Georgetown)-Suriname(Paramaribo) Highway; and a deep water port in Guyana; which projects will allow for the full integration of the Guiana Shield Hub Territories and result in the creation of massive volumes of transnational high payload containerized road traffic that would require bridges designed for live loads in excess of AASHTO HS25;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ballast Nedam International for the construction of a fixed prestressed concrete bridge across the Berbice River to carry design live loads in excess of AASHTO HS25, which Memorandum was abandoned and subsequently signed another Memorandum of Understanding with Berbice River Bridge Consortium for the construction of a similar bridge;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana contends that it opted for a steel floating bridge designed for AASHTO HS25 live load between D'Edward and Crab Island as a result of a feasibility study done by the Louis Berger Group that suggested that such a bridge at this location was most economical;

AND WHEREAS Patricio Millan Development Consultants Inc. conducted a review of the feasibility analysis done by the Louis Berger Group and provided the IDB and the Government of Guyana with independent estimates of cost that established that the Louis Berger Group grossly underestimated the cost of construction and maintenance of the steel floating bridge and that a fixed concrete prestressed bridge between Providence and Augsburg is the only possible economically viable alternative,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the Government to review its' decision to build a steel floating bridge between D'Edward and Crab Island;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly directs its' Economic Services Committee to investigate and identify all factors that influenced the Government's decision to proceed with the construction of a steel floating bridge between D'Edward and Crab Island as against a fixed prestressed concrete bridge at other locations and report to the National Assembly within three months;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly directs the Honourable Minister of Public Works and Communications to instruct the Berbice Bridge Company Inc. to suspend all works pending the outcome of the investigation by the Economic Services Committee.

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
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Brickdam,
Georgetown.**

22nd January, 2007.