

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 33RD 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 THURSDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 2007

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER-

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT-

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PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS-

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE-

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-**For Oral Reply****GUYSUCO'S TENDER DOCUMENT****Member Asking: Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P.****Minister Answering: The Minister of Agriculture**

*Could the Hon. Minister say what action he has taken with respect to Guysuco's Tender Document, where Guysuco omitted to request NIS and PAYE compliance certificates, that was submitted to him by Mrs. Sheila Holder, M.P., on the 29th June, 2007 for the supply of seventy (70) Desktop computers and fifteen (15) Laptop computers.

(Notice Paper No. 179 (Q135 Opp134) published on 2007-08-08)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS, INCLUDING POLICY STATEMENTS-**PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS-****REQUESTS FOR LEAVE TO MOVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE-****MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-**

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-**Presentation and First Reading****PROTOCOLS TO THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE BILL 2007 – Bill No. 23/2007**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to give effect to Certain Protocols to the Agreement establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice and for matters connected therewith.

PUBLIC BUSINESS-**(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****BILLS – Second Reading****1. THE FORESTS BILL 2007 – Bill No. 21 of 2007 published on 2007-07-24**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to consolidate and amend the law relating to forests.

(Read a first time on 2007-08-02)

MOTIONS**2. COMPOSITION OF THE POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Article 210 of the 1980 Constitution provided for a Police Service Commission and its composition to be five Members, one of whom would be the Chairman of

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the Public Service Commission and one appointed by the President “after consultation with such body as appears to him to represent the majority of Members of the Police Force” and not more than three Members exclusive of the Service Commissioners appointed by the President after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition including the chairperson being appointed from among these three by the President after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition;

AND WHEREAS Parliament agreed to the establishment of a Constitutional Reform Commission and the said Constitutional Commission presented its report to the National Assembly on July 17, 1994;

AND WHEREAS the Report of the Constitution Reform Commission recommended that the Service Commissions should be independent and that Parliament should play a more definitive role in the appointment of the Commissioners;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly appointed an Oversight Committee on Constitutional Reform to examine these recommendations and to ensure that the amendments to the Constitution are drafted and presented to the National Assembly for its approval;

AND WHEREAS the Report of the Oversight Committee on Constitutional Reform on August, 2000, to the National Assembly on pages 285 – 286 attached, provided for amendments to Article 210 in relation to the composition of the Police Service Commission for a maximum of seven Members; four Members to be appointed by the President upon nomination by the National Assembly after it has consulted “such bodies as appear to it to represent the majority of the Members of the Police Force and any such body it deems fit”, and for a Chairman to be appointed by the President after meaningful consultation with the Leader of the Opposition from among the four Parliamentary nominees, the Chairman of the Public Service Commission and not more than three Members exclusive of the Service Commission who shall be appointed by the President after meaningful consultation with the Leader of the Opposition;

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AND WHEREAS in the process of drafting Constitution (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill No. 6/2001, provision was made for four Members to be appointed by the President upon nomination by the National Assembly and the appointment of the Chairperson by the President acting after meaningful consultation with the Leader of the Opposition from among Members appointed from the Parliamentary nominees, and the Chairman of the Public Service Commission, it omitted to include the clause “not more than three Members exclusive of the Service Commission who shall be appointed by the President after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition”;

AND WHEREAS Constitution (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill No. 6/2001 was passed in the National Assembly on May 31, 2001 and assented to by the President on June 1, 2001;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly recognizes the error made in drafting Constitution (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill No. 6/2001 and approves of steps being taken to rectify this oversight;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly refers this matter to the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Constitutional Reform to examine and make specific recommendations to this House on how to effect rectification.

(Notice Paper No. 182 (M46 Govt28) published on 2007-10-26)

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3. **REPORT ON DRAFT STANDING ORDERS**

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

WHEREAS on the 15th December, 2005 a Special Select Committee of the National Assembly was elected pursuant to Resolution No. 85 of 2005 to consider and report on the adoption of the proposed draft revised Standing Orders;

AND WHEREAS that Special Select Committee submitted its Report on 13th April, 2006 which was adopted by the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS by Resolution No. 108 dated 2nd May, 2006 the said draft Standing Orders were adopted and came into force on the 2nd May, 2006;

AND WHEREAS the Special Select Committee, prior to making its Report to the National Assembly had sought certain advice in relation to specific clauses of the proposed draft revised Standing Orders from the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS the advice of the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, by letter dated 9th June, 2006, a copy of which is attached hereto, was received after the revised Standing Orders had been adopted by the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS this National Assembly as a result may wish to consider a consolidated inventory of the revised Standing Orders that may require further examination in relation to whether there are inconsistencies with present day laws and Constitution be sent to a Special Select Committee;

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly appoints a Special Select Committee to carry out a final review and re-examination of the revised Standing Orders and to submit a report on their findings and recommendations where required for the consideration of this House within three months.

(Notice Paper No. 183 (M47 Govt29) published on 2007-10-26)

BILLS – Second Reading

- *4. **DEEDS REGISTRY AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2007 – Bill No. 22/2007 published on 2007-10-24**

The Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Deeds Registry Authority Act.
(Read a first time on 2007-11-01)

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

- *5. **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 Special Select Committee 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 Special Select Committee on 2007-01-11)

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

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*6. **ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM BILL 2007 – Bill No. 18/2007 published on 2007-06-04**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stages of the following Bill, after the Special Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the establishment and management of a Financial Intelligence Unit; to provide for unlawful proceeds of all serious offences to be identified, traced, frozen, seized and eventually forfeited; to provide for comprehensive powers for the prosecution of money laundering, terrorist financing and other financial crimes; and the forfeiture of the proceeds of crime and terrorist property; to require reporting entities to take preventive measures to help combat money laundering and terrorist financing; to provide for civil forfeiture of assets and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 2007-06-07)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2007-06-07)

MOTION

*7. **AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER NO. 54**

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following Motion, after the Standing Orders Committee has reported thereon:

WHEREAS Standing Order No. 54 provides that an interval of not less than seven (7) days must elapse between the first and second reading of a Bill;

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

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AND WHEREAS a sitting of the National Assembly is generally held on a Thursday;

AND WHEREAS the stipulation of seven (7) days does not allow for the second reading of the Bill on the following Thursday;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that Standing Order 54 be amended to allow for a Bill, read a first time on a Thursday to be read a second time on the following Thursday;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Standing Order 110 this National Assembly refers this motion to amend Standing Order No. 54 to the Standing Orders Committee for further consideration with a view to effect the desired amendment.

(Notice Paper No. 57(M15 Govt 11) published on 2007-01-18)

(Referred to Standing Orders Committee on 2007-01-31 in accordance with Standing Orders No. 110 (3))

(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.

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

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PUBLIC BUSINESS**MOTION*****8. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER NO. 10**

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following Motion, after the Standing Orders Committee has reported thereon:

WHEREAS the hours of Parliament are prescribed by Standing Order No. 10 of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly to be 2.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. with suspensions at 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. respectively;

AND WHEREAS Members of the National Assembly have expressed varying views on the times for sittings of the Assembly with some Members favouring the commencement of sessions at an earlier time whilst others appear to prefer the strict observance of the prescribed times;

AND WHEREAS it would be desirable for a compromise to be found so as to allow for the hours of sittings to be varied from time to time by the Parliamentary Management Committee depending on the business to be disposed of,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Standing Orders Committee examines the issue of the times at which the Assembly shall meet including, the right of the Speaker to suspend the Standing Orders to allow the time to be abridged or varied and to report to the National Assembly its finding and recommendations within three months.

(Notice Paper No.92 (M23 Opp 7) published on 2007-01-30)
(Referred to Standing Orders Committee on 2007-05-24 in accordance with Standing Order No. 110 (3))

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

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(iii) COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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5th November, 2007.

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