

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 35TH 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, 29TH NOVEMBER, 2007

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PUBLIC BUSINESS-

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTION

Speaker's consent obtained in accordance with Standing Order No. 28(2) for the following motions to be proceeded with at this sitting:

8. **COMPOSITION OF THE GUYANA ELECTIONS COMMISSION AND TENURE OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE GUYANA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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

WHEREAS Article 161 of the Constitution provides for an Elections Commission consisting of a Chairman, who shall be a full-time Chairman and shall not engage in any other form of employment, to be appointed by the President from a list of six persons not unacceptable to the President, submitted by the Leader of the Opposition after meaningful consultation with the non-governmental political parties represented in the National Assembly; and six other members appointed by the President in the following manner:-

2.

- (a) three members to be appointed by the President, acting in his own deliberate judgment; and
- (b) three members to be appointed by the President acting in accordance with the advice of the Leader of the Opposition tendered after meaningful consultation with non-governmental political parties represented in the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS neither the Constitution nor any other law provides for the duration of the tenure of office of the Chairman and other members of the Elections Commission;

AND WHEREAS there have been repeated calls for constitutional changes with regards to the composition of the Elections Commission and the tenure of office of its members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:


That this National Assembly undertakes steps to have the Constitutional provisions governing the composition of the Elections Commission and the tenure of office of its Chairman and other members be examined with a view of making recommendation for changes;

3.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the necessary review of the provisions governing the composition of the Elections Commission and the tenure of office of its Chairman and other members by the Parliamentary Committee for Constitutional Reform and that their findings and recommendations be reported to the National Assembly.”

(Notice Paper No. 195 (M49 Govt 31) published on 2007-11-26)

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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

27th November, 2007.