

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 53RD SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2006 - 2008) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON FRIDAY, 13TH JUNE, 2008

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

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(1) By the Minister of Finance:

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(To be Circulated)

- (ii) The Constitutional Offices (Remuneration of Holders) (No. 2) Order 2008 - No. 33 of 2008.

(To be Circulated)

- (2) By the Minister of Education:

The Upper Corentyne Industrial Training Centre (Board of Governors) Order 2007 - Order No. 13 of 2007.

(To be Circulated)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

- (3) By Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P., (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments):

- (i) Fourth Report of the Committee on Appointments in relation to the Appointment of Members of the Rights of the Child Commission.

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- (ii) Fifth Report of the Committee on Appointments in relation to the Appointment of Members of the Women and Gender Equality Commission.

(Circulated)

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MOVED BY A MINISTER-**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

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(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTION

1. IMPACT OF GLOBAL FOOD PRICE INCREASES

The Minister of Agriculture to move the following motion:

WHEREAS globally there is an increase in food prices caused mainly by four factors, namely; increase in the price of fossil fuels, effects of Climate Change, increase in production of bio-fuels, and growing demand for food in large emerging economies;

AND WHEREAS that the increase of food prices, amounting to over 80% over the past year and a half, is having a devastating effect on the supply and affordability of food for populations in both developing and developed nations;

AND WHEREAS that various multilateral and regional institutions, including the Food and Agriculture Organisation, the World Bank, the World Food Programme and CARICOM, have already called for urgent action and heightened collaboration to tackle this global crisis;

AND WHEREAS Guyana, having recognised this crisis and its impact within the CARICOM region, is working with its sister CARICOM partners to transform Guyana into a major player in the development of Food security in the region;

AND WHEREAS the Government has established an Inter-Ministerial Committee on Food Prices tasked with monitoring this emerging situation on a constant basis and to make recommendations on action that may be needed to be taken to cushion the impact on the Guyanese population, especially the poor and vulnerable,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly takes note of the impact of Global rising food prices on the cost of living in Guyana and supports the interventions taken by the Government to cushion the impact of these global price increases on our population, especially for the vulnerable groups;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly undertakes to follow the implementation of these governmental interventions that include increasing the disposable income of ordinary Guyanese; subsidizing the cost of accessing utility services, implementing the Ministry of Agriculture's GROW MORE campaign and its concomitant budgetary interventions; zero-rating of all essential food items, diesel and agricultural inputs; monitoring exports of some essential agricultural commodities to ensure adequate local supply and monitoring of prices and supply of various food commodities; and assistance to single-headed households;

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly be provided with the deliberations of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Food Prices on a quarterly basis, set up by Cabinet to review the impact of rising food prices on Guyanese and make recommendations intended to cushion the impact;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly recognizes that the situation requires national action, and sustained efforts and engagement with critical sectors and groups to confront this challenge locally and regionally.

(Notice Paper 237 (M69 Govt 41) published on 2008-04-29)

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

***2. 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)

***3. THE FORESTS BILL 2007 – Bill No. 21 of 2007 published on 2007-07-24**

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 consolidate and amend the law relating to forests.

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

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2007-11-08)

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

(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.

(iii) COMMITTEE BUSINESS

MOTIONS

4. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF GUYANA FOR THE YEARS 2002 AND 2003**

Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P., (Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee) to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on its examination of the Public Accounts of Guyana for the years 2002 and 2003, respectively be adopted and refer the Report to the Government for consideration.

(Notice Paper No. 222 (M 60 Opp 18) published on 2008-02-05)

*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

5. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A RIGHTS OF THE CHILD COMMISSION**

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P., (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments) to move the following motion:

WHEREAS Article 212U of the Constitution provides for the establishment of a Rights of the Child Commission;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Article 212U(2)(a) of the Constitution, the Rights of the Child Commission shall consist of –

- (a) “not less than five nor more than fifteen members, with expertise in issues affecting children, nominated by entities, by a consensual mechanism determined by the National Assembly, after the entities which shall include the Ministry with responsibility for children’s affairs, the Ministry of Education, and organizations representing the interests of youth, are determined by the votes not less than two-thirds of all elected members of the National Assembly; and
- (b) A member who shall be a nominee, without the right to vote, chosen by and from each of the following Commissions: the Human Rights Commission, Ethnic Relations Commission, Women and Gender Equality Commission and Indigenous People’s Commission.”

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Appointments, having deliberated on the identification of the entities for nomination to the Rights of the Child Commission unanimously agreed and proposes that the Commission be comprised of 15 nominations from the list of entities in the First Schedule in the following categories:

Service	-	2
Religion	-	3
Youth	-	3
Women	-	3
Other	-	1
Ministry of Education	-	1
Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security	-	1
National Commission on Rights of the Child	-	1

AND WHEREAS the Committee also unanimously agreed on the consensual mechanism to guide the process for consultation and nomination of Members to the said Rights Commission herein at the Second Schedule,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the proposed representation of the above-mentioned categories from the list of entities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the entities to nominate Members of the Rights of the Child Commission, in accordance with Article 212U (2)(a) of the Constitution, as set out in the First Schedule attached;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the consensual mechanism, outlined in the Second Schedule attached.

(Notice Paper 238 (M70 PPP/C Private Member No. 7) published on 2008-05-20)

6. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION**

Ms Gail Teixeira, M.P., (Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments) to move the following motion:

WHEREAS, Article 212Q of the Constitution provides for the establishment of a Women and Gender Equality Commission;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Article 212Q(2)(a) of the Constitution, the Women and Gender Equality Commission shall consist of –

- (a) “not less than five nor more than fifteen Members, with expertise in women’s and gender equality issues, nominated by entities, by a consensual mechanism determined by the National Assembly, after the entities which shall include the Women’s Advisory Committee of the Trade Union Congress, are determined by the votes of not less than two-thirds of all the elected Members of the National Assembly; and
- (b) the Administrator of the Women’s Affairs Bureau, by whatever name that office is designated; and
- (c) a Member who shall be a nominee, without the right to vote, chosen by and from each of the following Commissions: the Human Rights Commission, Ethnic Relations Commission, Indigenous People’s Commission and Rights of the Child Commission.”

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Appointments, having deliberated on the identification of the entities for nomination to the Women and Gender Equality Commission unanimously agreed and proposes that the Commission be comprised of 15 nominations as provided for in (a) from the list of entities in the First Schedule in the following categories:

Women	-	3
Professional Bodies	-	1
Private Sector	-	1
Labour Movement	-	2
TUC Women's Advisory Council	-	1
Cultural/Ethnic	-	2
Regional Representative from 10 WAC	-	3
Women's Progressive Organisation	-	1
National Congress of Women	-	1

(b) Administrator of the Women's Affairs Bureau

AND WHEREAS the Committee also unanimously agreed on the consensual mechanism to guide the process for consultation and nomination of Members to the said Women and Gender Equality Commission herein at the Second Schedule;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the proposed representation of the above-mentioned categories from the list of entities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the entities to nominate Members of the Women and Gender Equality Commission, in accordance with Article 212Q(2)(a) of the Constitution, as set out in the First Schedule attached;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the consensual mechanism, outlined in the Second Schedule attached.

(Notice Paper 239 (M71 PPP/C Private Member No. 8) published on 2008-05-29)


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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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

9th June, 2008.

APPENDIX 1

STANDING COMMITTEE TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 119C OF THE CONSTITUTION (FIRST SCHEDULE)

Proposed entities to be consulted for the Nomination of Members of the Rights of the Child Commission

SERVICE

Community Based Rehabilitation Programme
Friends of the Needy
Georgetown Legal Aid Clinic
Guyana Girl Guides Association
Guyana Lions District Governor
Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association
Help and Shelter
Kids First Foundation
Radio Needy Children's Fund
Rotary District Governor
Salvation Army
Scouts Association of Guyana
The Guyana Red Cross Society
Young Men's Christian Association
Young Women Christian Association

RELIGION

Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana
Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha
Guyana Council of Churches

YOUTH

AFC Youth Arm
Central Baptist Youth Fellowship
Church of Christ Youth Group
Dharmic Naujawan (Dharmic Youth)
Diocesan Youth Centre
Full Gospel Youth Fellowship
Gandhi Youth Organisation
Guyana Congregational Young People's Union
Guyana Junior Chamber (Jaycee)
Guyana Network of Schools Health Clubs
Guyana Youth Challenge
Guyana Youth Development Association
Guyana Youth and Student Movement
Hauraruni Full Gospel Youth Training Centre
Hinterland Students Council
Methodist Youth Club
Moravian Youth Club
Muslim Youth Organisation
National Youth Commission
President's Youth Award: Republic of Guyana
Progressive Youth Organisation
Rights of the Child
Roman Catholic Youth Office
Seventh Day Adventist Pathfinders
The United Force Youth Arm
Trade's Union Youth Movement
University of Guyana Student's Society
Volunteer Youth Corps
Working People's Alliance Youth Organisation
Youth Ambassadors First Assembly of God

WOMEN

AFC Women's Arm
Anglican Mothers' Union
Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana (Women's arm)
Church Women United
Congregational Women's Union
Federation of AME Women
Guyana Association of Women's Lawyers
Guyana Federation of Women Institutes
Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha- Mahila Mandale
Guyana Nurses' Association
Guyanese Women in Development (GUYWID)
Lutheran Church Women
Methodist Women's League
National Commission on Women
National Congress of Women
Police Wives' Association
Red Thread Women's Development Project
Rural Women's Development Network
The United Force Women's Auxillary
TUC Women's Advisory Council
Women Across Differences
Women's Progressive Organisation

OTHER

African Cultural Development Association
Amerindian People's Association
Guyana Association of Professional Social Workers
Guyana Human Rights' Association
Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous Peoples
Indian Arrival Committee
Ministry of Health

National Amerindian Development Fund

National Commission on Disabilities

The Amerindian Association of Guyana

The Rastafarian Council

SECOND SCHEDULE

Consensual Mechanism for the Nomination by Entities for Members of the Rights of the Child Commission

All the Entities in each Group, immediately on the passage of this motion, shall be written to by the Clerk of the National Assembly inviting them to meet as a group, to select their nominees and to send a representative/s on an appointed day/date, time to appear before the Parliamentary Standing Committee to Appoint Members of Commissions, at the Parliament Buildings to present the name/s of their nominee/s for Membership on the Rights of the Child Commission.

A deadline shall be set by the Clerk of the National Assembly on the advice of the Standing Committee, by which time it would be formally notified of the names and other requested particulars of the Nominee/s, the process used for the selection of the Nominee/s by the entity, and a statement to the effect that the Nominee/s is/are supported and accepted by that entity.

The Nominee/s chosen to represent the Group must be person/s who are competent to contribute positively to the work of the Commission and who are committed to ensuring that it discharges all of its functions. They should have earned public respect and be of unquestionable honesty and integrity.

The process used must be demonstrated to be unbiased and transparent. It is important that the Nominee/s obtain the unquestioned support and acceptance of the Entity nominating them as well as the Entities within the Group.

Where there is a recognized "*umbrella organization*" in the list of entities for that Group, the Clerk shall write to that organization and copy his letter to each of the "*constituent entities*" within the Group.

APPENDIX 11

FIRST SCHEDULE

Group and Entities within each Group to Nominate Members of the Women and Gender Equality Commission

Women Bodies

AFC Women's Arm

Anglican Mothers' Union

Central Islamic Organisation of Guyana (Women's arm)

Church Women United

Congregational Women's Union

Federation of AME Women

Guyana Federation of Women Institutes

Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha- Mahila Mandale

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Young Women's Christian Association of Guyana

(a) Regional Women's Affairs Committees

Regions 1 - 10

(b) Administrative Women's Affairs Bureau

Trade Union Congress - Women's Advisory Committee

Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union

Clerical and Commercial Workers' Union

General Workers' Union

Guyana Agricultural Workers' Union

Guyana Labour Union

Guyana Local Government and Officers' Union

Guyana Postal and Telecommunication Workers' Union

Guyana Public Service Union

Guyana Teachers Union

National Mining and General Workers' Union

Printing Industry and Allied Workers' Union

Union of Agricultural & Allied Workers

The Labour Movement

Amalgamated Transport and General Workers Union (AT&GWU)

Association of Masters and Mistresses (AMM)

Clerical & Commercial Workers Union (CCWU)

Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Guyana

General Workers Union (GWU)

Guyana Agricultural & General Workers' Union (GAWU)

Guyana Bauxite and General Workers Union (GBSU)

Guyana Labour Union (GLU)

Guyana Local Government Officer's Union (GLGOU)

Guyana Mining, Metal and General Workers Union (GMMGWU)

Guyana Postal and Telecommunications Workers Union (GP&TWU)

Guyana Public Service Senior Staff Association (GPSSA)

Guyana Public Service Union (GPSU)

Guyana Teachers Union (GTU)

Guyana Trade Unions Congress (GTUC)

National Association of Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial Employees (NAACIE)

National Mining and General Workers Union (NM&GWU)

National Union of Public Service Employees (NUPSE)

Printing Industry Allied Workers Union (PIAWU)

Union of Agricultural & Allied Workers (UAAW)

University of Guyana Senior Staff Association (UGSSA)

University of Guyana Workers Union (UGWU)

Private Business Sector Bodies

Association of Non-traditional Exporters

Association of Regional Chambers of Commerce

Bankers' Association of Guyana

Bartica Chamber of Commerce

Berbice Chambers of Commerce and Development Association

Consultative Association of Guyanese Industry

Corentyne Chamber of Commerce

Essequibo Chambers of Commerce

Georgetown Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Guyana Forest Products Association

Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association

Guyana Manufacturers and Services Association

Guyana Private Sector Commission

Guyana Rice Millers and Exporters Development Association

Guyana Rice Producers Association

Guyana Trawlers and Seafood Processors

Linden Chamber of Commerce

New Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce

Private Aircraft Owners Association of Guyana

Rupununi Chamber of Commerce

Shipping Association of Guyana

The Tourism and Hospitality Association of Guyana

Professional Group

- Guyana Association of Chartered Accountants
- Guyana Association of Medical Laboratories Professionals
- Guyana Association of Optometrists
- Guyana Association of Professional Engineers
- Guyana Association of Professional Social Workers
- Guyana Association of Women Lawyers
- Guyana Association of Women's Artists
- Guyana Bar Association
- Guyana Dental Association
- Guyana Medical Association
- Guyana Nurses Association
- Guyana Pharmacists' Association
- Guyana Press Association
- The Berbice Medical Association

Cultural/Ethnic

- African Cultural and Development Association
- Amerindian People's Association
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