

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 6TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

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

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 2006

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

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**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-**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

PUBLIC BUSINESS-

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

1. **LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ELECTIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2006 – Bill No.
24/2006 published on 2006-11-28**

The Minister of Local Government and Regional Development, to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Local Authorities (Elections) Act to provide for the postponement of elections of councilors of local democratic organs.

(Read a first time on 2006-12-07)

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2. **CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2006 – Bill No. 25/2006 published on 2006-12-01**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Customs Act
(Read a first time on 2006-12-07)

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and first Reading

*1. **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.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

*4. **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

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

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.”;

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



S.E. ISAACS

Clerk of the National Assembly

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Georgetown.**

15th December, 2006