

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 85TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2006 - 2009) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 23RD APRIL, 2009

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER-

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Written Replies

1. **PENSIONERS OF REGIONS 1, 7, 8, 9 AND 10**

Member Asking: Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Could the Honourable Minister of Human Services and Social Security inform this Honourable House and pensioners in the remote communities of Regions 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10, whether any provisions have been put in place for:

- (i) Old Age Pensioners books to be delivered to each of these communities?
- (ii) The setting up of service providers to cash vouchers in these remote communities thus easing the burden of transportation costs?

(Notice Paper No. 369 (Q277 Opp262) published on 2009-01-30)

2. **LAYING OF REPORTS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – BY THE MINISTER OF HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL SECURITY**

Member Asking: Mrs. Volda Lawrence, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Human Services and Social Security

Could the Honourable Minister of Human Services and Social Security inform this Honourable House when the following would be laid in this National Assembly:

- (i) A Senior Citizens Policy Development Report and
- (ii) A National Policy for Senior Citizens?

(Notice Paper No. 370 (Q278 Opp263) published on 2009-01-30)

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-**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

PUBLIC BUSINESS -

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

**1. TIME LIMIT FOR JUDICIAL DECISIONS BILL 2009 – Bill No. 8/2009 published
on 2009-03-23**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to specify a time limit in accordance with Article 197(3) of the Constitution within which a Judge shall give a decision on a civil case and any appeal case and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2009-04-09)

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2. **ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 9/2009 published on 2009-04-07**

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 Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000.

(Read a first time on 2009-04-09)

3. **PRESIDENT HOYTE PENSIONS BILL 2009 – Bill No. 10/2009 published on 2009-04-08**

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

A BILL Intituled AN ACT to make special provisions relating to the pension of the late President Hoyte.

(Read a first time on 2009-04-09)

4. **OFFICE OF THE SPOUSE OF THE PRESIDENT BILL 2009 – Bill No. 11/2009 published on 2009-04-08**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provisions for the establishment of a public office for the spouse of the President.

(Read a first time on 2009-04-09)

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5. **FORMER PRESIDENTS (BENEFITS AND OTHER FACILITIES) BILL 2009 –
Bill No. 12/2009 published on 2009-04-08**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for benefits and other facilities to former Presidents.

(Read a first time on 2009-04-09)

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

*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)

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***Not to be proceeded at this sitting**

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*7. **COURT OF APPEAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2008 – Bill No. 12 of 2008 published on 2008-07-11**

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 amend the Court of Appeal Act to provide for appeals by the Director of Public Prosecutions to the Court of Appeal and the Caribbean Court of Justice and for connected matters.

(Read a first time on 2008-07-17)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2008-07-25)

*8. **MONEY TRANSFER AGENCIES (LICENSING) BILL 2008 – No. 15 of 2008 published on 2008-07-23**

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 persons carrying on the business of money transfer agencies; to make provision for the registering of money transfer agents and for connected purposes.

(Read a first time on 2008-07-24)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2008-08-07)

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***Not to be proceeded at this sitting**

BILL – First and Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

***9. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN BILL 2009 – Bill No. 3 of 2009 published on**

2009-01-14

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 protection of children at risk, children in difficult circumstances and children in general and for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2009-01-15)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-01-22)

***10. STATUS OF CHILDREN BILL 2009 – Bill No. 5/2009 published on 2009-01-27**

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 repeal and re-enact the provisions of the Children Born Out of Wedlock (Removal of Discrimination) Act 1983; to provide for presumptions of parentage and parentage testing procedures; to effect reform of the law generally and for related purposes.

(Read a first time on 2009-01-29)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-01-29)

*11. **ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BILL 2009 – Bill No. 6/2009 published on 2009-01-27**

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 reform of laws for the adoption of children and for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2009-01-29)

(Committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-01-29)

(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.

MOTIONS

12. **ANGOYS AVENUE, NEW AMSTERDAM, BERBICE**

Dr. John Austin, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the squatting area of Angoys Avenue, New Amsterdam, Berbice has been in existence for over 40 years;

AND WHEREAS the residents of Angoys Avenue, New Amsterdam, Berbice have, for over fifteen years, unsuccessfully urged the Government of Guyana to regularize their squatting area;

***Not to be proceeded at this sitting**

AND WHEREAS the benefits of a Community Service Program include: enhanced prison security; the reduction of over crowding; enhanced public health; better rehabilitated citizens; and the requirement that persons found guilty of crimes are required to repay their country by giving appropriate community service;


AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana Justice Sector Reform Strategy 2006 – 2010 has identified “Introducing legislation to provide a modern framework for community service orders”, as one of its goals,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly urges the Government of Guyana to give this Legislation priority, by the Tabling of a Community Service Bill, in this National Assembly, by July, 2009.

(Notice Paper No. 380 (M94 Opp 28) published on 2009-04-03)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS


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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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

17th April, 2009.

AND WHEREAS other squatting communities, in several parts of Guyana, have been regularized by the Government of Guyana;

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly urges the Government of Guyana to treat the regularization of Angoys Avenue, New Amsterdam, Berbice with the highest priority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly requests the Minister of Housing and Water to report to this National Assembly, within six months of the passage of this motion, the steps which his Ministry has taken to regularize the community of Angoys Avenue, New Amsterdam, Berbice.

(Notice Paper No. 378 (M92 Opp27) published on 2009-04-02)

13. **COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENCES**

Mrs. Deborah Backer, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS imprisonment as a form of punishment for persons found guilty of certain criminal offences is part of the statutory laws of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS imprisonment as a form of punishment is widely used by our Judiciary;

AND WHEREAS research has shown that a sentence of Community Service, for certain criminal offences, coupled, where necessary, with mandatory participation in rehabilitation programs is more beneficial to the community and the offender;