

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 96TH 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 TUESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 2009

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER-

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT-

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER-

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS-

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

By the Minister of Agriculture:

The Annual Reports of the Guyana Sugar Corporation Inc., for the years 2007 and 2008.

(To be Circulated)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE-

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

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**

MOTIONS

1. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2009**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion.

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/2009 – Supplementary Estimates (Current and Capital) totaling \$247, 406, 429 for the period 2009-07-16 to 2009-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 395 (M102 Govt60) published on 2009-07-30)

(Paper presented on 2009-07-30)

2. **CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 2/2009**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

Assembly to resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

In Committee of Supply

The Minister of Finance to signify the recommendation or consent of the Cabinet and to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Assembly approves of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 2/2009 – Supplementary Estimate (Capital) totaling \$2,533,085,355 for the period ended 2009-12-31.

(Notice Paper No. 396 (M103 Govt61) published on 2009-07-30)

(Paper presented on 2009-07-30)

BILLS – Second Reading

3. **ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (No. 2) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 32/2009 published on 2009-07-08**

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 Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act and the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act to extend and specify the meaning of property and increase the penalty for damage to property.

(Read a first time on 2009-07-09)

MOTION

4. **LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

Minister of Agriculture to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Fourth Assessment Report of the Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change has firmly established that concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are rising exponentially, leading to alarming levels of global warming and related sea level rise;

AND WHEREAS the cause of these phenomena is mainly anthropogenic;

AND WHEREAS if left unchecked, the effects of climate change can lead to marine inundation of coastal low lying areas, flooding from excessive rainfall, droughts, disruption of agriculture, food shortages, disease, population displacement and extinction of species;

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AND WHEREAS several studies on the economics of climate change and its impact have concluded that the cost of inaction will in the long-term exceed the level of resources currently required for addressing these impacts;

AND WHEREAS the Conference of Parties in Copenhagen 2009 must reach an agreement that entails deep cuts in emissions, bold action on climate mitigation, and clear support for adaptation measures;

AND WHEREAS 20 percent of all green house gases results from deforestation and degradation;

AND WHEREAS a recent study done by the internationally reputable McKinsey Company has demonstrated that avoided deforestation represent a least cost solution for carbon abatement, lower than hybrid cars or wind power;

AND WHEREAS studies and analyses have confirmed that Guyana's forests could be deployed as mitigation against the adverse effects of climate change without either sacrificing our sovereignty or development prospects;

AND WHEREAS Guyana stands at the threshold of a great global opportunity to show the world how rainforest countries can use their rainforest to mitigate Climate Change and at the same time use it as the basis for a financial flow to provide adequate resources to pursue a low carbon development path with adaptation, mitigation and technology transfer as key elements;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Guyana has drafted a Low Carbon Development Strategy which is currently being discussed in a series of countrywide consultations,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly:

1. Welcomes the commitment to public consultations including the parliamentary parties to contribute to the finalization of the Strategy;
2. Recognizes the pioneering nature of Guyana's Low Carbon Development Strategy; and
3. Endorses Guyana's advocacy in the UNFCCC process for a new post 2012 Agreement that includes REDD, avoided deforestation and sustainable forest management, to be decided in Copenhagen in December, 2009 and support its use at international fora, including the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in Copenhagen.

(Notice Paper No. 393 (M100 Govt58) published on 2009-07-08)

BILLS – Second Reading, Committee and Third Reading

- *5. **LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (BENEFITS AND OTHER FACILITIES)**
BILL 2009 – Bill No. 16/2009 published on 2009-04-30

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 the Leader of the Opposition.

(Read a first time on 2009-04-30)

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

BILLS – Committee and Third Reading***6. 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)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2008-07-24)

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings***7. ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS BILL 2009 – Bill No. 15/2009 published on 2009-04-30**

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 registration of members of allied health professions supplementary to the medical profession, regulation of practice of allied health professions and allied health services, to provide for maintenance of professional standards for allied health professions and health services and to make provisions for training of members of those professions and services and for related purposes.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-04-30)

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

*8. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION BILL 2009 – Bill No. 22/2009 published 2009-06-03**

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 establish the Local Government Commission, as provided for by Article 78A of the Constitution, to provide for the Commission's functions and procedure; and for connected and incidental purposes.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-04)

*9. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 23/2009 published 2009-06-03**

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 Local Government

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-04)

*10. **FISCAL TRANSFERS BILL 2009 - Bill No. 25/2009 published on 2009-06-11**

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 provide for the formulation and implementation of objective criteria for the purpose of the allocation of resources to and the garnering of resources by local democratic organs and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-11)

*11. **MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 26/2009 published on 2009-06-11**

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 Municipal and District Councils Act.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-11)

*12. **CUSTODY, CONTACT, GUARDIANSHIP AND MAINTENANCE BILL 2009 – Bill No. 29/2009 published on 2009-06-25**

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 granting of custody, contact, guardianship and maintenance rights with respect to children and for connected purposes.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-06-25)

*13. **THE SEXUAL OFFENCES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 30/2009 published on 2009-07-08**

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 reform and consolidate the laws relating to sexual offences and to provide for related matters.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-07-09)

*14. **CHILDCARE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 31/2009**
published on 2009-07-08

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 regulate childcare services and to provide for parameters for the granting of licences for childcare and development services and connected matters.

(Read a first time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-07-09)

(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.

COMMITTEES BUSINESS


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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Brickdam.

31st July, 2009.

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