

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 103RD 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, 26TH NOVEMBER, 2009

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

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(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

BILLS – Second Readings

1. **FIRE PREVENTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 40/2009 published on
2009-11-17**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Fire Prevention Act.

(Read a first time on 2009-11-19)

2. **FIRE SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 41/2009 published on
2009-11-17**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Fire Service Act.

(Read a first time on 2009-11-19)

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3. **FIRES AND CASUALTIES INQUIRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 42/2009 published on 2009-11-17**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Fires and Casualties Inquiry Act.

(Read a first time on 2009-11-19)

4. **THE PRISON (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 43/2009 published on 2009-11-19**

The Minister of Home Affairs to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Prison Act.

(Read a first time on 2009-11-19)

5. **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 44/2009 published on 2009-11-19**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide certain rights to persons with disabilities; to provide for the promotion and protection and full and equal enjoyment of the rights; to facilitate the enforcement of the rights; to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability; to provide for the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities; to provide for the registration of persons with disabilities; to establish the National Commission on Disabilities; and for connected purposes.

(Read a first time on 2009-11-19)

BILLS – Second Reading

- *6. **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)

BILLS – Committee and Third Readings

- *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)

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

- *8. **MARITIME ZONES BILL 2009 – Bill No. 36/2009 published on 2009-10-08**

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 repeal and replace the Maritime Boundaries Act 1977, to incorporate certain provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the

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Underwater Cultural Heritage 2001, to provide for marine scientific research, maritime cultural area, eco-tourism, marine parks and reserves and mariculture, the protection and preservation of the marine environment and for related matters.

(Read a first time on 2009-10-15)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-10-29)

*9. **CREDIT REPORTING BILL 2009 – Bill No. 37/2009 published on 2009-10-22**

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 a credit reporting industry with the aim of enabling more reliable, competitive, and responsible credit lending while protecting borrowers' rights.

(Read a first time on 2009-10-29)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-11-12)

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

*10. **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

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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)

*11. **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 Act.

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

*12. **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)

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

*13. **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)

*14. **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)

*15. **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)

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

*16. **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.

MOTION

17. **NON-LETHAL WEAPONS**

Mr. Everall Franklin, M.P. to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Members of the Guyana Police Force are equipped with weapons such as firearms in the form of handguns, shotguns, rifles and machine guns as well as batons;

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AND WHEREAS in the execution of their duties they may have to use force to protect themselves, prevent the commission of a crime or protect property;

AND WHEREAS these weapons, in particular firearms, without exception are designed to inflict severe injury to a person or persons:

AND WHEREAS these injuries may often result in the unwanted death of the targeted person or persons due to the very nature of the weapon's design;

AND WHEREAS without the required training, capability, marksmanship and judgment of the user severe injury or death may be the result of such use;

AND WHEREAS the Members of the Guyana Police Force in executing their duty often have no alternative but to use the issued weapons and from time to time bemoan the fact that non-lethal weapons could have been used if available,


BE IT RESOLVED:

- (i) That hand to hand combat training be intensified and expanded within the Guyana Police Force;
- (ii) That a psychological evaluation of all ranks carrying firearms be conducted annually;
- (iii) That counseling be made mandatory for ranks who have used force resulting in death;
- (iv) That the Guyana Police Force design and conduct within six (6) months marksmanship training for all ranks authorized to use firearms; and

- (v) That non-lethal weapons such as pepper spray, tasers and non and less lethal ammunition such as rubber projectiles be acquired and police ranks trained in their use.

(Notice Paper No. 408 (M111 Opp 31) published on 2009-11-13)

COMMITTEES BUSINESS

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S.E. ISAACS
Clerk of the National Assembly

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

20th November, 2009.