

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 122ND SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2006 - 2010) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 8TH APRIL, 2010

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-

Private Bill

***By Mr. Donald Ramotar, M.P.**

Petition on behalf of the Guyana and Trinidad Mutual Fire Insurance Company Limited seeking to have introduced in the Assembly a Private Bill to amend the Guyana Trinidad Mutual Fire Insurance Company Limited Ordinance, Chapter 210 of the Kingdom Edition of the Laws of British Guiana (Principal Ordinance).

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

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After the petition is read, the Speaker will put the question that the promoters be allowed to proceed.

(Circulated)

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS-

By the Speaker of the National Assembly:

Report of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of Guyana and on the Accounts of Ministries, Departments and Regions for the fiscal year ended 31st December, 2008.

(To be Circulated)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

(1) By the Minister of Health (Chairman of the Special Select Committee on the Allied Health Professions Bill 2009):

Report of the Special Select Committee on the Allied Health Professions Bill 2009 – Bill No. 15 of 2009.

(Circulated)

(2) By Ms Amna Ally (Chairperson of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services):

Fourth Periodic Report of the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Social Services.

(To be Circulated)

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-

Presentation and First Reading

POUNDS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2010 – Bill No. 4 /2010

The Minister of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Pounds Act.

PUBLIC BUSINESS-

(i) **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

BILLS – Second Readings

1. **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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2. **ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS BILL 2009 – Bill No. 15/2009 published on 2009-04-30**

The Minister of Health to move the second reading of the following Bill, which was referred to a Special Select Committee for consideration and report:

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)

MOTION

*3. **COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTEGRITY COMMISSION ACT**

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the extant Integrity Commission Act was passed in this House in 1997 and made into law on September 24, 1997 as the Integrity Commission Act 1997, Chapter 19:12, Act No. 20 of 1997;

AND WHEREAS the Commission and support staff were established shortly thereafter and all persons in public life listed in Schedule 1 being persons of high offices are expected to be in compliance with this law;

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

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AND WHEREAS Section 19 of the Act empowers the Commission and the President to publish the names of persons who are not in compliance with this Act in the Gazette and in a daily newspaper;

AND WHEREAS Section 22 addresses the offences and penalties for failure to comply which include fines and imprisonment;

AND WHEREAS all elected officials, and more so, Members of Parliament in particular, identified in Schedule 1, are expected to be standard bearers of ethics in public office and uphold the Code of Conduct outlined in the Act and in Schedule II,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this House recognizes the lawful and legal obligation of Members of Parliament to submit declarations and call on all Members of this National Assembly to submit forthwith;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:

That this House conducts an annual voluntary monitoring exercise of compliance by Members of Parliament;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this House declares that failure or refusal of Members of Parliament to submit annual declarations is a violation of the law and a gross indictment of those Members.

(Notice Paper No. 453 (M128 Govt 80) published on 2010-03-17)

BILLS – Committee and Third Readings

***4. 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 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)

***5. 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)

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

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 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)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-11-26)

*7. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009 – Bill No. 45/2009 published on 2009-11-26**

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 Legal Practitioners Act.

(Read a first time on 2009-11-26)

(Read a second time and committed to the Special Select Committee on 2009-12-21)

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

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BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

*8. **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)

*9. **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)

*10. **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)

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

*11. **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)

*12. **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)

*13. **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)

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

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Presentation and first Readings

*1. **BROADCASTING BILL 2010 – Bill No. 3/2010**

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., is to seek leave to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the establishment of a Broadcasting Authority, to provide for their functions, and to provide for the licensing of broadcasting agencies and the encouragement of production and broadcasting of television and radio programmes having relevance generally to life and culture of the people and for consequential and related matters.

*2. **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.

(ii) **COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

MOTION

14. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE IMPACT OF GLOBAL FOOD PRICE INCREASES**

The Minister of Agriculture to move the following motion:

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

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BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Special Select Committee on the Impact of Global Food Price Increases be adopted.

(Notice Paper No. 455 (M130 Govt 82) published on 2010-03-17)

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S.E. ISAACS
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1st April, 2010.