

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ORDER PAPER

FOR THE 159TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST SESSION

(2006 - 2011) OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 21ST JULY, 2011

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-

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES-

ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE-

For Oral Reply

1. **DREDGING OF THE DEMERARA, ESSEQUIBO AND BERBICE RIVERS**

Member Asking: Ms Sheila Holder, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Public Works and Communications

*Are there any plans to dredge the Demerara, Essequibo and/or the Berbice Rivers? If so, will the Hon. Minister say which Rivers will be dredged, when and the likely cost?

(Notice Paper No. 529 (Q 356 Opp 390) published on 2011-06-29)

For Written Replies

2. **POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUING OF SHOT GUN LICENSES TO AMERINDIANS**

Member Asking: Ms Sheila Holder, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

1. What is the policy with regards to the issuing individual shot gun licenses to Amerindian residents who rely on game hunting as a source of protein, an essential nutrient in their diet?

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2. Several residents in the village of Paramakatoi have applied for shot gun licenses from as far back as 1996. They have received letters of acknowledgment and reference numbers of their applications from the Commissioner of Police but no further indication about the status of their applications. Will the Hon. Minister state what has caused the long delay?

(Notice Paper No. 530 (Q 357 Opp 391) published on 2011-06-29)

3. PROMISE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT

Member Asking: Ms Sheila Holder, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications

Some years ago President Jagdeo had promised applicants for shot gun licences from the village of Paramakatoi in Region 8, that he would have intervened to expedite the processing of their applications. Would the Prime Minister say if this will still be done?

(Notice Paper No. 531 (Q 358 Opp 392) published on 2011-06-29)

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-

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS-

Presentation and First Reading

BROADCASTING BILL 2011 – Bill No. 13/2011

The Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Communications, on behalf of the Government, to present the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to make provision for the establishment of the Guyana National Broadcasting Authority responsible for the regulation, supervision and development of the National Broadcasting System, to provide for its 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.

PUBLIC BUSINESS -

(i) GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MOTION

- *1. **GUYANA’S RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL AMENDING THE REVISED TREATY OF CHAGUARAMAS TO INCORPORATE THE COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT (CONSLE) AS AN ORGAN OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE CARICOM IMPLEMENTATION AGENCY FOR CRIME AND SECURITY (IMPACS) AS AN INSTITUTION OF THE COMMUNITY**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in 2006 declared Crime and Security as the fourth pillar of the Community alongside trade and economic integration, foreign policy relations and functional cooperation;

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AND WHEREAS the objective of the Protocol, which is deemed an integral part of the new regional architecture, is for the effective management of the regional crime and security agenda and seeks to ensure that there is greater collaboration between the CARICOM Member States in border security, information sharing and surveillance, witness protection, control of drugs and arms, training and capacity building of the law enforcement and protective services;

AND WHEREAS the Protocol Amending the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas to Incorporate the Council for National Security and Law Enforcement (CONSLE) as an Organ of the Community and the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) as an Institution of the Community was signed by Guyana on March 11, 2010 at the Twenty-First Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM in Dominica:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly approves the ratification of the Protocol Amending the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas to Incorporate the Council for National Security and Law Enforcement (CONSLE) as an Organ of the Community and the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) as an Institution of the Community.

(Notice Paper No. 533 (M177 Govt 109) published on 2011-07-06)

BILLS – SECOND READING

*2. **RICE FACTORIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2010 –Bill No. 8/2010 published on 2010-07-21**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Rice Factories Act 1998.

(Read a first time on 2010-07-22)

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

BILLS – Second Readings, Committee and Third Readings

*3. **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)

*4. **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 a Special Select Committee on 2009-06-11)

*5. **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 a Special Select Committee on 2009-06-11)

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

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*6. **ACCESS TO INFORMATION BILL 2011 – Bill No. 10/2011 published on 2011-06-14**

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 setting out a practical regime of right to information for persons to secure access to information under the control of public authorities in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of the Government and public authorities and for the appointment of the Commissioner of Information.

(Read a first time and committed to a Special Select Committee on 2011-06-17)

(ii) **PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**
MOTIONS

*7. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL 2006 – Bill No. 26/2006**

Mr. Raphael Trotman, M.P., to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Freedom of Information Bill 2006 – Bill No. 26/2006 –

A Bill intituled an Act to give access to information to members of the public.

(Notice Paper No. 502 (M158 Opp 51) published on 2010-11-09)

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

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

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

Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, M.P., to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1), grant leave for the introduction and first reading of the Broadcasting Bill 2010 – Bill No. 3/2010 -

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.

(Notice Paper No. 503 (M159 Opp 52) published on 2010-11-09)

If leave is granted, the Clerk shall read aloud the title of the Bill.

(iii)**COMMITTEES BUSINESS**

MOTION

9. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE DRAFT STANDING ORDERS**

The Minister of Health (Chairman of the Special Select Committee on the Report of the Draft Standing Orders) 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 this National Assembly adopts the Report of the Special Select Committee on the Report of the Draft Standing Orders.

(Notice Paper No. 534 (M178 Govt 110) published on 2011-07-15)

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S.E. ISAACS
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15th July, 2011.