

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 58TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND
SESSION
(2002-2005) OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD
AT 2.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY, 31ST MARCH, 2005
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

OATH OF A NEW MEMBER-

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT-

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER-

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AND REPORTS, ETC.

By the Minister of Finance:

Annual Report of the National Insurance Scheme for the year 2002.

(To be Circulated)

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QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS-

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**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 NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

1. **CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2005**

The Minister of Finance to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, confirm the Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 2005, which was made on 26th January, 2005, under section 8 of the Customs Act, Chapter 82:01, and published in the Official Gazette dated 28th January, 2005.

(Notice Paper No. 178 (M73 Govt67) published on 2005-02-08)

3.

BILL - Second Reading

2. **VALUE-ADDED TAX BILL 2005 - Bill No. 3/2005 published on 2005-03-12**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the imposition and collection of
Value-Added Tax.

(Read a first time on 2005-03-10)

MOTION

3. **SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE
ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM**

Mr. Ravindra Dev to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Parliamentary Select Committee on Constitutional Reform has
submitted a report on its work programme to the National Assembly.

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the National Assembly adopts the report and directs the Committee to
move expeditiously to complete its work, giving special priority to the items
concerning electoral matters.

(Notice Paper No. 175 (M70 Opp4) published on 2005-01-28)

BILLS - Report from Select Committee and Third Readings

*4. **AGE OF CONSENT BILL 2004 - Bill No. 22/2004 published on 2004-11-29**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stage(s) of the following Bill, after the Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to amend the Criminal Law (Offences) Act and the Marriage Act.

(Read a first time on 2004-11-29)

(Read a second time on 2004-12-09 and committed to a Special Select Committee)

*5. **MINISTRY OF HEALTH BILL 2004 - Bill No. 24/2004 published on 2004-12-02**

The Assembly to proceed upon the further stage(s) of the following Bill, after the Select Committee has reported thereon:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to continue the Ministry with responsibility for Health and for matters connected therewith.

(Read a first time on 2004-12-09)

(Read a second time on 2004-12-16 and committed to a Special Select Committee)

MOTION

*6. **AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER NO. 73(5)**

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following Motion, after the Standing Orders Committee has reported thereon:

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

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WHEREAS Standing Order 73(5) provides that the deliberations of a Select Committee shall be held in private;

AND WHEREAS the said Standing Order also applies to Standing and Sectoral Committees;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the deliberations of some Committees be held in public or in private if they so decide.

RESOLVED that,

1. Standing Order 73(5) be amended to provide that meetings of the Sectoral Committees and the Public Accounts Committee be held in public except where the said Committees determine otherwise;
2. The said amendment be effected by:
 - (a) deleting the fullstop at the end of Standing Order 73(5) and replacing it by a colon;
 - (b) adding the following at the sentence as a new paragraph:

6.

“Provided that (a) the deliberations of the Sectoral Committees and the Public Accounts Committee shall be held in public except where these Committees determine otherwise; (b) meetings of the Parliamentary Management Committee shall not be held in public”.

3. After the amendment the Standing Order will read as follows:

“The deliberations of a Select Committee shall be in private and shall be confined to the matter referred to it by the Assembly and any extension or limitation thereof made by the Assembly and, in the case of a Select Committee on a Bill to the Bill committed to it and relevant amendments”;

Provided that:

(a) the deliberations of the Sectoral Committees and the Public Accounts Committee shall be held in public except where these Committees determine otherwise;

(b) deliberations of the Parliamentary Management Committee shall not be held in public.

(Notice Paper No. 170 (M65 Govt60) published on 2004-12-10)

(Referred to Standing Orders Committee on 2004-12-16 in accordance with Standing Order 82(3))

BILL - Second Reading

***7. CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) BILL 2003 - Bill No. 10/2003 published on 2003-07-04**

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

A BILL intituled AN ACT to alter the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164.

(Read a first time on 2003-07-10)

MOTION

***8. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PAPER NO. 1/2004**

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 approve of the proposals set out in Financial Paper No. 1/2004 - Supplementary Estimates (Capital) totalling \$330,000,000 for the period ending 2004-12-31

(Notice Paper No. 118 (M59 Govt55) published on 2004-09-29)

(Paper presented on 2004-08-05)


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24th March, 2005.

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