

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**ORDER PAPER**  
**FOR THE 60<sup>TH</sup> 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, 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2005**  
**IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,**  
**BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN**

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**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, ETC.**

1. By the Speaker (Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee):  
Report of the Standing Orders Committee.

(Circulated)

2.

2. By the Minister of Finance:

Financial Paper No. 1/2005 - Supplementary Estimates (Current) totalling \$1,376,752,295 for the period 2005-03-30 to 2005-04-08.

*(The Minister to name a day for consideration of the Paper)*

(To be Circulated)

## **QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS-**

### **For Oral Reply**

#### **NATIONAL AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**

Mrs. Sheila Holder to ask the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the following question:

\*Will the Minister say how, when and through which authority, preparatory work on the electoral system for National and Presidential elections will begin as recommended in the Final Report of the Oversight Committee dated Monday, July 31, 2000?

**(Notice Paper No. 91 (Q55 Opp55) published on 2004-02-02)**

## **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS-**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**BILL - Second Reading**

1. **EXCISE TAX BILL 2005 - Bill No. 4/2005 published on 2005-04-11**

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  
Excise Tax.

**(Read a first time on 2005-04-14)**

**MOTIONS**

2. **ADOPTION OF REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Report of the Standing Orders Committee on the motion for the  
amendment of Standing Order No. 73(5) be adopted.

**(Notice Paper No. 181 (M76 Govt70) published on 2005-04-14)**

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

The Assembly to resume the debate on the following motion:

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

4.

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:

“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)**

**BILLS - Report from Select Committee and Third Reading**

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

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 provide for the imposition and collection of Value-Added Tax.

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

**(Read a second time on 2005-04-14 and committed to a Special Select Committee)**

**BILL - Second Reading**

**\*6. 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**

**\*7. 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:

7.

**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)**

  
**L. COONJAH**

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**15<sup>th</sup> April, 2005.**