

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ORDER PAPER
FOR THE 67TH 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 MONDAY, 18TH JULY, 2005
IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
BRICKDAM, GEORGETOWN

BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PRAYERS

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ASSEMBLY AND MOVED BY A MINISTER-**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

PUBLIC BUSINESS

BILLS - Report from Select Committee and Third Readings

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

The Minister of Finance to move:

- (i) That the Report of the Special Select Committee on the Value-Added Tax Bill 2005, be adopted, and
- (ii) That the Value-Added Tax Bill 2005 be read a third time and passed as amended.

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

The Minister of Finance to move:

- (i) That the Report of the Special Select Committee on the Excise Tax Bill 2005, be adopted, and

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- (ii) That the Excise Tax Bill 2005 be read a third time and passed as amended.

MOTION

***3. EUROPEAN UNION GUARANTEED PREFERENTIAL PRICES FOR SUGAR**

Mr. James McAllister, M.P., to move the following motion:

WHEREAS for over thirty years the European Union has guaranteed preferential prices for sugar it imported from African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries, of which Guyana is a part;

AND WHEREAS the European Commission recently proposed steep cuts in the preferential price it pays for sugar imported from ACP countries;

AND WHEREAS Guyana stands to lose approximately US\$40M annually in revenue for sugar exported to the European Union when the final price cut is made;

AND WHEREAS this amount would represent a lost of some 30% of sugar receipts annually;

AND WHEREAS this loss of income will severely further affect the financial viability of the sugar industry;

AND WHEREAS this loss of income will also have a significant negative impact on Guyana's economy;

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*Not to be proceeded with at this sitting

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AND WHEREAS Guyana needs to restructure and diversify its economy to compensate for the loss of income and to bring about significant economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the government needs to be more aggressive and dynamic in wooing private sector investment in the economy,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls on the European Union to accept the ACP countries' proposal to phase in the price cuts over a period of eight years commencing in 2008 and to cap the cuts at between 16 - 20% of the current prices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly urges the government to institute a comprehensive programme of diversification of the economy both within the traditional sectors and into non-traditional sectors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly calls upon the government to genuinely embrace private sector investments - foreign and local and create an environment conducive to same.

(Notice Paper No. 202 (M86 Opp5) published on 2005-06-30)

BILLS - Second Reading

***4. GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION BILL 2005 - Bill No. 12/2005 published on 2005-07-06**

The Minister of Foreign Trade and International Cooperation, to move the second reading of the following Bill:

A BILL intituled AN ACT to provide for the protection of geographical indication in order to fulfill the obligations of Guyana under the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights of the World Trade Organisation and related matters.

(Read a first time on 2005-07-07)

MOTION

***5. CONFIRMATION OF THE AUDIT REGULATIONS 2005**

Mr. Winston Murray, M.P., (Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee), to move the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly, in accordance with section 11(4) of the Audit Act, No. 5 of 2004, confirm the Audit Regulations 2005 (Regulations No. 4 of 2005), which was made on 30th May, 2005, under section 11(1) of the Audit Act, No. 5 of 2004, and published in the Official Gazette dated 30th May, 2005.

(Notice Paper No. 197 (M81 Govt75) published on 2005-06-21)

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BILLS - Report from Select Committee and Third Readings

***6. 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)

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:

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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)



S.E. ISAACS

Clerk of the National Assembly

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Georgetown.**

15th July, 2005.